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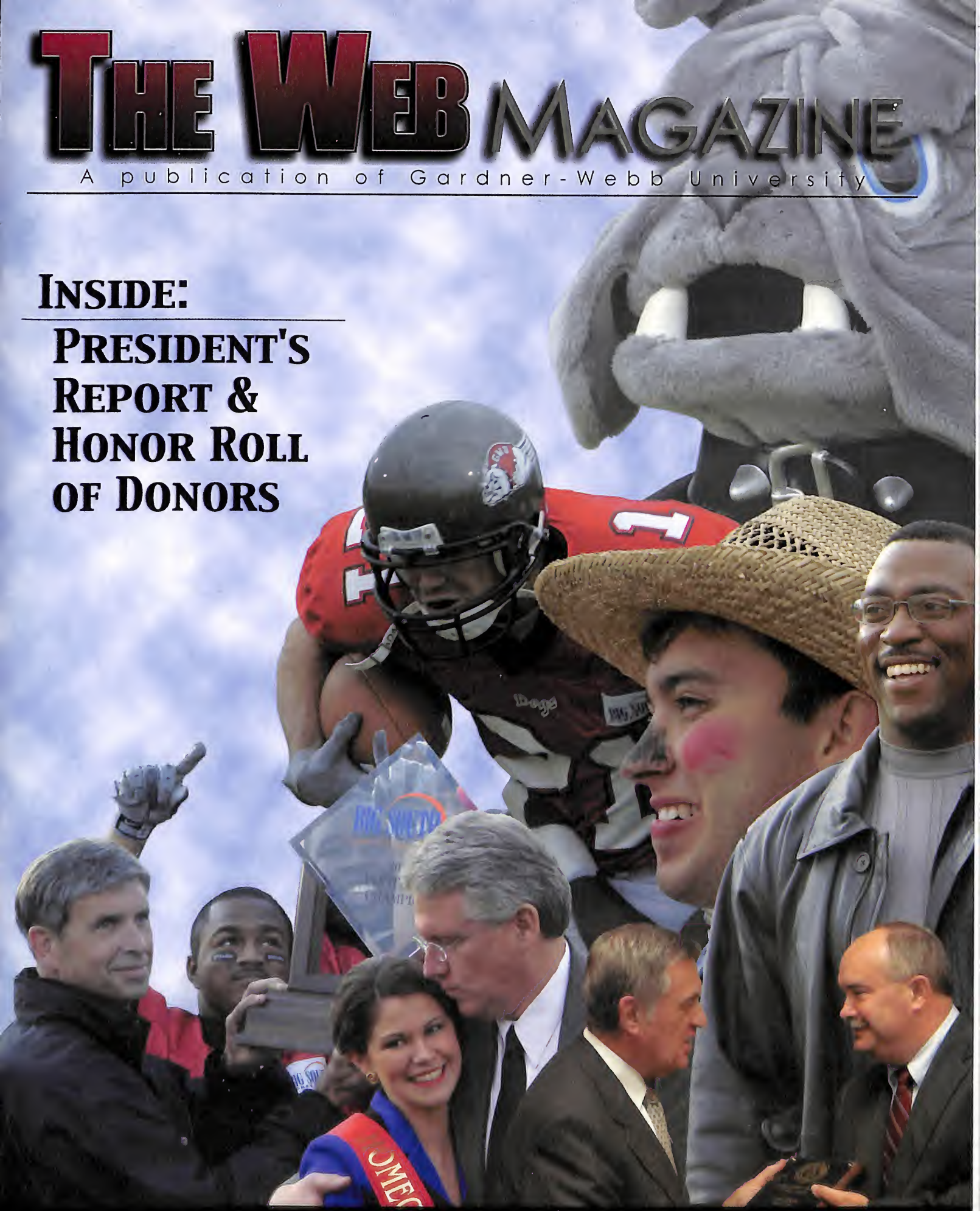

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GWU Centennial: 1905-2005

The Glee Club pictured left is from the class of 1933-1934. This photo was sent in by Rowell Lane, also one of the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates inductees (see page 19). We want to uncover more special memories such as these from our first 100 years as an institution.

If you have items of interest to share as we countdown to the Centennial, send them to The Web magazine, attn: Matt Webber, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Refreshed by the holidays, we boldly look at 2004

TO THE GARDNER-WEBB FAMILY,

Greetings from our beautiful campus. It is my sincere hope that each and every one of you have enjoyed a fulfilling and inspiring holiday season. We at Gardner-Webb could not feel more blessed about what the Lord has accomplished at our institution.

A new year brings with it new expectations, goals and commitments. Let me begin by saying that I am committed to you and this university. I believe so strongly in what Gardner-Webb stands for that I have agreed to extend my stay at GWU until 2005 *(see more information on page 6)*. It is my hope, and the hope of the trustees, that during this time I can lend my time and efforts to several projects and items of business.

Foremost on my mind is helping the newly appointed presidential search committee to begin its work *(see related story on page 6)*. Finding the right person to lead Gardner-Webb in the coming years will be no easy task. But it will most certainly be an exciting one. This university has turned the corner and is headed in a most positive manner toward great programmatic and physical advancements. I have served with committees such as these before, and I can say truthfully that any candidates will view the GWU president's position as one to behold. I am excited for what the future holds at Gardner-Webb.

I also want very much to see this institution through the impending NCAA decisions that should come to conclusion in 2004. My pledge to you is that we will face the challenges posed to us in a straightforward manner and we will come through this time in our history as a better and stronger body of educators and supporters.

The leadership we have in place for this university is capable and willing to work hard to improve our standing as providers of outstanding Christian higher education. Recent changes in the university relations and enrollment management divisions will strengthen our efforts *(see pages 6 and 7 for more information)*.

We have already seen that students continue to view us as an institution where learning of distinction takes place, as over 3,800 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students joined us for the '03-'04 academic year *(see page 7)*. Record numbers like those are a testimony to those of you who support and encourage this institution in so many ways.

And perhaps most significantly, accrediting agencies and our peers who observe us have endorsed our university and its offerings with their highest recommendations *(for more information, see pages 4-5)*. Consider the recent affirmations of our nursing and music programs, not to mention our athletic training educational program – these are programs of which you can be proud. They are symbolic of the constant quest for excellence that all of our faculty, staff, students and

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programs strive for.

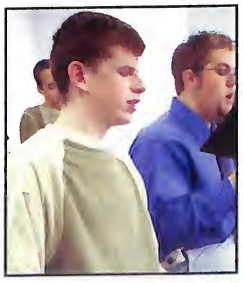
A sign that an institution is healthy and progressive is the willingness to take on new projects. Excitement was certainly in the air this fall when we broke ground on a new stadium complex *(see page 7)*. From our educators to our students, from our alumni to our community members, all have begun to see that this facility is much more than a place to play – it will serve as a solution to much-needed office space, provide additional classroom space and begin a domino effect across campus that will allow academic and athletic programs alike an opportunity to expand their operational and recreational opportunities.

But aside from bricks and mortar, the true essence of Gardner-Webb as an inspirational and intellectual haven has shown through as well.

Continuously helping students and the community in the examination of their faith, GWU has embraced academic and spiritual issues in events like the Right To Die Symposium *(see page 8 for details)*. I am thrilled that our school does much more than simply offer degrees, but rather it educates and ministers to the whole person.

Our students are testimony to that. Consider the group of young ladies on our campus who would graciously sacrifice for those who have cancer. Take the time to learn about the "Locks of Love" program that these students participated in and you'll be sure to be encouraged about the future of our college and our nation *(see page 10 for this heartwarming story)*.

Another great example of the true essence of Gardner-Webb is Derek Lane *(page 11)*. Not one to be limited by his physical handicaps, Derek inspires our campus community daily with his drive to succeed and his love of music. Take a moment to realize just how rarely we witness this type of character in our world today. GWU is developing leaders, but more importantly it is developing upstanding members of society who will make a positive impact on others wherever they go.



But perhaps there is no greater testimony to the life and spirit of Gardner-Webb than the alumni who are so connected with us. Homecoming 2003 *(pages 14-15)* showed us that, and as I walked around the campus and the ballgames and the events of that weekend, I was warmed with the thought that Gardner-Webb is as strong as ever.

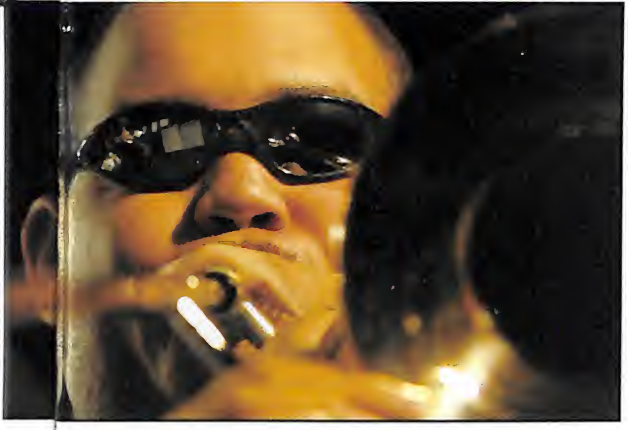
If you doubt that, take a look in the alumni section at the outstanding people who call Gardner-Webb their alma mater *(see pages 16-19)*. From Marty Montague to Andy Hanner and all of the distinguished alumni award recipients, you and I can be proud that Gardner-Webb has a mighty presence in communities near and far.

So as we cherish the holiday season that has passed, and as we look boldly into the new year, let us hold our heads high. Adversity tests our faith, says the Bible. It should cause us to realize that apart from God we can do nothing. I firmly believe that Gardner-Webb University has placed its faith in God Almighty to lead, guide and direct us.

Please enjoy this issue of The Web. In it you will be glad you are a part of something as special as this university. And should you have comments, suggestions or input about any topic on your mind, I encourage you to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Campbell



The Value of Accreditation

What Does It Mean To Our University?

Accreditation brings value to a degree, but just how does it bring that value to you as an alumnus, a student or friend of the university?

Program Accreditation

Accreditation can be defined as the assurance that the accredited entity provides a standards of excellence in the curriculum, quality faculty, adequate facilities and equipment that are expected for success in their field. Through this assurance, employers can know the education a graduate received is of quality and meets certain standards. Potential students can know they will receive an education of value. Graduates can be assured they are prepared to sit for testing measures required in their fields for certifications, as well as be prepared to enter advanced educational degree programs.

Dr. Dee Hunt, GWU professor of health and physical education, worked through the process of gaining NCATE accreditation for the School of Education program in 1995. She also assisted the faculty in Athletic Training in its recent accreditation process. "Accreditation brings greater visibility (to the program), affirms that you do what you say you do, gives means to meet criteria for advanced education and confirms academic integrity." Hunt adds that accreditation shows a commitment from the university to the continuation of the program.

The types of accreditation vary among areas of speciality such as Athletic Training, Nursing, Education and Fine Arts, to name a few. But the need for accreditation, and the benefit to the university as a whole including students, faculty and alumni, are similar.

With programs such as athletic training, the accreditation is essential to the student's career success because they need the accreditation to meet prerequisites for professional examination. The same is true in the Fine Arts field where accreditation gives graduates an advantage when pursuing advanced degrees and is required by most school boards and certification agencies, as well as helping musicians gain positions of prestige in the performance arena.

As defined by Paluma Services, an independent service providing online information for career advancement, "Accreditation assures the general public that accredited schools are focused on student achievement, and on providing an efficient, effective and enriching learning environment. Accreditation extends across state lines, assuring students, parents and the public that a given school adheres to high quality standards based on the latest research and successful professional practice. Educators gain access to a network of schools within their region for the sharing of best practices and professional knowledge. Through the accreditation process educators at all levels can achieve deserved recognition for demonstrating their ongoing commitment to quality."

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> *- Dr. Dee Hunt*

Accreditation Spotlight: Athletic Training

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has granted initial accreditation for the maximum five years to the GWU Athletic Training Educational Program, which has been a major at GWU since 1996.

Athletic training is one of the most rigorous academic programs offered at GWU, requiring students to complete a variety of courses in the Physical Education, Wellness and Sports Studies (PEWSS) department in which the program is housed, and also in other departments such as biology. Extensive clinical education follows coursework and then graduates must pass a national board examination in order to practice in athletic training-related careers. In light of new educational reforms to this field of study, graduates from a non-accredited program would not be allowed to take the national board exam, said Ashley White, GWU program director for the athletic training educational program.

White

A four-year self-study began the accreditation process, said Kevin Jones, GWU director of athletic training. Site visits followed from a subcommittee of the accrediting body. After an extensive review of documentation, facilities and personnel, the subcommittee then recommended to CAAHEP to grant GWU's program its initial accreditation.

Jones

Jones underscores not only the value that accreditation brings to the program, but the luxury the university enjoys to

< Dr. Frank Bonner, GWU provost and a veteran of 21 regional accrediting committees.

Accreditation can mean class size is regulated as well. Gardner-Webb's ratio of students to teachers in the Athletic Training Educational Program is 4:1, well within the requirement, and a more efficient ratio than similar programs at other universities.

Regional Accreditation

On a larger scale, "regional" accreditation is granted to institutions as a whole, as opposed to the accreditation of specific programs within the university, according to Dr. Frank Bonner, GWU provost and a 21-time member of regional accrediting committees for The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which is the body that accredits Gardner-Webb as an institution. SACS is one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies for colleges and universities as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

"Accreditation talk can get complicated for those who do not live and breathe it every day," said Bonner. "But to put it simply, Gardner-Webb has to be accredited to (a) allow its students to receive federal financial aid, (b) to allow students to get into graduate schools, and (c) for the public recognition that comes with meeting a certain level of standards and quality."

He explained also that while institutional accreditation is vital, not all programs within a university are required to have program accreditation, although certain state mandates for accreditation are placed on programs like education and nursing, among others.

"We're happy that at Gardner-Webb, we are secure with our mandatory accreditations, and we're even pursuing the idea of optional accreditations in some of our programs."

He concluded, "It's like seeing a doctor who is board certified. It makes you feel better about the quality of the product."

*(**Editor's Note:** GWU accreditations include the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the North Carolina Department of Public Education, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the National League for Nursing (NLN), the North Carolina Board of Nursing, and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).*

provide clinical training alongside classroom learning. Students majoring in athletic training, he said, can practice their skills by partnering with the GWU athletic department to treat student-athletes under the supervision of licensed and certified athletic trainers.

"And, we've taken even more steps to further the learning possibilities for our students," said Jones. "Affiliations with the four Cleveland County high schools give students additional avenues for practice, as well as partnerships with Miller Orthopedic and Cleveland Physical Therapy Associates."

Jones added that good news will continue for the program when GWU's new stadium complex is completed next year. Approximately 3,000 square feet of space will be dedicated to the practice of athletic training, meeting and office facilities.

Accreditation Spotlight: Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Department has received notification from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) of the re-accreditation of the bachelor of arts in music.

In addition, three new programs received final approval for accreditation, including the bachelor of music in composition, bachelor of music in music education and bachelor of music in sacred music. NASM writes, "The Commission commends the music unit for the excellence of its work and accomplishments ..."

According to Dr. Patricia Sparti, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, "The NASM seal stands for a well-rounded, quality education in music, and most employers look for that. Also, every major music executive in the country is a NASM member, and so there are many connections in the music industry."

She added, "This accreditation guarantees a quality music education and guarantees that our students will be taught all the competencies of a rigorous music education."

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- Dr. Patricia Sparti

Accreditation for the Fine Arts programs also means better opportunity for career success, whether choosing to pursue a masters degree in music or seeking work in the music field. "Most graduate schools require a bachelor's degree from a NASM-accredited institution. And, most school board and certification agencies require a degree from a NASM-accredited institution," says Sparti.

According to Sparti the guidelines for meeting NASM accreditation standards include "performance and technical skills requisite for artistic self-expression in at least one major performance area at the level appropriate for the particular music concentration, the ability to read at sight with fluency, rehearsal and conducting skills, keyboard competency and ensemble experience that is wide and varied." There are other requirements in the area of eartraining, music history, composition, improvisation and technology. Each degree also has specific standards.

With the recent accreditation, the O. Max Gardner building underwent renovations, adding a state-of-the-art music lab, recording studios and multi-media music classrooms. New musical instruments have been added and the music library updated.

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Since We Last Met

President's Contract Extended to '05

At its October meeting, the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend the contract of Dr. Frank Campbell as president through June 30, 2005. Campbell has served the university since October 31, 2002, when he came to Gardner-Webb as interim president after retiring from Averett University in Danville, Va.

In announcing the contract extension, Board Chair Neal Alexander cited Dr. Campbell's successful first year and the need for continuity and stability as primary factors for the decision. In addition, Dr. Campbell is providing crucial input and leadership in the search process for a permanent president, according to Alexander.

In other news from the October meeting, the GWU trustees voted to keep all current officers of the board in their positions for another year. Therefore, Neal Alexander will remain as chair for the 2004 calendar, Sam McMahon will continue as vice chair, Frank Beam remains as treasurer, and H.S. Keeter Jr. will return as secretary.

Search Members Named

The final members of a search committee to find GWU's next president have been named, according to Neal Alexander, chair of the GWU Board of Trustees.

The final members selected to the presidential search committee were representatives of the Gardner-Webb faculty and student body. Dr. Janet Land, associate professor of English, and Dr. Tom Jones, professor of biology, were selected from among the 141 full-time faculty members at the university. Ms. Kellie Robinson, vice president of the Student Government Association, will represent the student body on the committee.

GWU trustee Frank Beam of Shelby, NC will serve as chair of the committee, and trustee Lisa Tucker of Concord, NC, will serve as vice chair. Other trustees selected to the committee are Dr. John E. Roberts of Greenville, SC, Dr. C. Lorance (Rance) Henderson of Morganton, NC, and Thomas E. (Tom) Philson of Charlotte. Neal Alexander will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee but will retain voting privileges. Rounding out the committee and representing the university's administration is Dr. Frank Campbell, who has served as president for GWU since October 2002.

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– Neal Alexander, trustee chair

The search committee will begin its work in early 2004.

"Having announced that Dr. Campbell will continue to lead us until June 2005, the trustees have given the committee ample time to carefully work through the search process," Alexander added. "Identifying the proper candidate to be the eleventh president of Gardner-Webb University is a daunting task."

Administrators Settle Into New Positions

President Dr. Frank Campbell announced in the fall that Dr. Jack Buchanan has been appointed vice president for enrollment management, which oversees all undergraduate, graduate and doctoral program recruiting and admissions functions of the institution. The appointment was effective November 1.

Employed at Gardner-Webb since 2000, Dr. Buchanan replaces Ralph W. "Scoot" Dixon as the head of the GWU admissions effort. Dixon in September assumed the role of vice president for university relations and development at GWU. He had since continued as head of enrollment management until a replacement could be named.

From top to bottom: Scoot Dixon, Jack Buchanan, Danny West

This is Dixon's second term in the University Relations head position. He held that post from 1989-1996 before becoming executive director of the NC Baptist Foundation.

Dr. Buchanan had been serving Gardner-Webb as director of admissions for the

Stadium Project Underway

At left: Administrators, students, trustees and others gathered on October 11 to break ground on the new stadium complex project, which not only will alleviate space constraints on athletic and academic offices campuswide but will expand the physical resources for many of the athletic teams. At top: By December, the current visitors side of the stadium was being transformed to become the home side. Administrators plan for the complex to be complete by August.

GWU School of Divinity. In 2001 he also assumed the role of director of the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program within the School of Divinity. In addition he holds the rank of assistant professor of pastoral ministries.

In light of these transitions, Dr. Danny West was named Buchanan's successor as director of the D.Min program.

Enrollment Tops 3,800 In The Fall

GWU announced that its Fall 2003 enrollment figures met expectations and exceeded last year's numbers.

More than 3,850 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students were participating in classes by late September.

Noteworthy enrollment increases occurred in such programs as the undergraduate day program, the Graduate Program, the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program, the Graduate School of Business, and the "GWU at Statesville" campus.

Dr. Frank Campbell said in a memo to campus: "Despite challenges, we have pulled together to bring in an outstanding class of students who desire to live, grow and learn at Gardner-Webb. I applaud your efforts."

Additions such as the Doctor of Education program, as well as a recent announcement that GWU trustees have approved short-term and long-term physical improvements to campus, have created a renewed sense of excitement and anticipation for the 2003-2004 academic year, Campbell said.

Lilly Awards GWU Additional Grant

Lilly Endowment Inc., of Indianapolis, IN, announced in December that a $150,000 "sustainability grant" was awarded to Gardner-Webb to continue a program that was created with a $1.254 million initial grant from Lilly Endowment in 2001.

The new grant, which is part of Lilly's "Theological Programs for High School Youth Sustainability" effort, was given to allow GWU the opportunity to develop its own funding for the program that was begun in 2001. The Ministerial Vocation Program for Youth is administered through the School of Divinity.

The establishment of the Ministerial Vocation Program for Youth at Gardner-Webb is part of a movement to address the issue of diminishing numbers of qualified ministers worldwide. The hope is that youth would be engaged in serious theological discussions at an earlier age, thus allowing them to more easily discern the call to ministry and make plans for educational and ministerial preparation.

Symposium Focuses on the Right to Die Debate

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"It is an issue whose time has come," states Dr. Paul Simmons of the University of Louisville's School of Medicine (ULSM) during the Right to Die forum held at Gardner-Webb in the fall. "The debate is not new. It keeps coming around with the same core of arguments and points to be considered medically, legally and ethically. Only the players and places seem to change, not the fundamental debate."

This first forum in what is to be a series offered at Gardner-Webb University, brought Dr. Simmons and two Gardner-Webb professors, Dr. Kent Blevins, professor of ethics, and Dr. Doug Dickens, professor of pastoral counseling in the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, to discuss an issue over which Christians fall on both sides.

Simmons, also an adjunct professor in the Department of Philosophy at ULSM, teaches courses in Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophical Ethics and Human Rights. He has served as professor of Christian Ethics at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and director of the Clarence Jordan Center for Christian Ethical Concerns.

Simmons gave the audience examples to consider, including a physician who was resuscitated 96 times during which time he continually begged his colleagues to let him go.

The symposium was not a debate but rather a time to reflect on differing views and to challenge the audience to consider their own. Simmons began the dialogue with an overview of viewpoints and opinions surrounding the right to die debate, sharing his views along the way.

Varying topics covered included withdrawal of treatment, assisted suicide, natural death without resuscitation efforts and technologically maintained vital signs. A time for dialogue with the audience followed.

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During his examples, Simmons referenced King Saul's choice on dying in I Samuel 31:4. The historic scene culminated with Saul having his companion kill him with the sword instead of allowing a more dishonorable death to come upon him.

"Love may accept my death and allow me to die. It does not insist I remain 'alive' simply because it is a technological possibility," challenges Simmons.

Blevins discussed the changes that have taken place in the dying process in America. Deaths that used to take place at home surrounded by family and the familiar are more often occurring in public institutions surrounded by strangers. Today, according to Blevins, more than 72 percent of Americans die in public institutions.

Dickens shared, "I don't ever want to be a living cadaver." He did say, however, that he wanted the support of community. "To be in the image of God is to be in community."

Theater Tackles Debate In Dramatic Fasion

The Gardner-Webb Theater presented an original play entitled "Dogfall" written by Scot Lahaie, GWU director of theater, which explores the right to die debate that has engaged the American court system over the last two decades.

"Dogfall" is also the inaugural production in Gardner-Webb's new Playwrights' Workshop—an initiative in bringing new plays to the stage. Each fall, the theater program at Gardner-Webb plans to produce an original full-length play never before seen on the stage. "Although this year's workshop features one of my own plays," comments Lahaie, "we hope in future years to bring a working playwright to campus to facilitate rewrites and development. The focus of the workshop is not on the finished product so much as on development. We explore the script—rewriting and cutting as needed—as we bring it to the stage."

The cast of "Dogfall" was limited to three actors. Matt Winning (a junior theater major) played the role of Mike Howard, a self-described patriot from the extreme political right. Karl Mosbacher (a sophomore) played Jake McKenzie, a physician committed to assisting his terminally ill patients with their suicides. The conflict in the play arises from the political divide separating these characters. According to Lahaie, the "dialectical structure of the play exposes the nasty underbelly of both arguments—from the left and the right—thereby forcing us as an audience to seek compromise in the center."

Mary Leila Erwin (junior theater major) played the role of the elderly neighbor.

Photo by Scott Holstein

Dr. Janet Land:

"My path is a long and winding one."

The English Department has stepped somewhat into the limelight recently as three English program alumni received recognition and induction into the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates this fall (see page 18), and Dr. Janet Land, chair of the English Department, was named to the newly formed presidential search committee.

What is on the mind of our English Department chair and newly appointed search committee member? All things academic - teaching, editing, learning and the future leadership of GWU.

Dr. Land has held the position of department chair of the English Department since the fall of 2002, having taught at Gardner-Webb since 1994. She specializes in 19th century British Literature.

"My path is a long and winding one," says Land of her journey that brought her to Gardner-Webb. While she had an interest in teaching before graduating high school, she was encouraged to pursue interior design by her high school guidance counselor. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in interior design, Land worked in the insurance field before continuing her education.

Now with a doctorate from the University of South Carolina at Columbia, Land teaches nine class hours while overseeing the administrative responsibilities of the Department. Land made her way to GWU after teaching at Lander University and Midland Technical College (SC).

She also has been working on a manuscript based the dissertation she completed on Samual T. Coleridge when obtaining her doctorate in 1993. She hopes to have the work published. Land expresses that it is a love of learning that energizes her. "While I enjoy the research as part of my role as a scholar, I am always excited to pass it on." The process of learning and taking that information to her classroom is perhaps her greatest pleasure, she adds.

In the summer of 2002, Land taught a five-week summer session in North Hampshire, England, and was able to spend a week in Italy as part of the summer program. Travel is one of her hobbies, and she enjoys combining it with her passion for learning. She also enjoys online games, which she plays with her two grown sons.

Turning her attention to the new presidential search committee, which will begin meeting in early 2004, Dr. Land spoke on being chosen as one of the faculty representatives. "I'm honored my colleagues think well enough of me to give me this responsibility," she says, adding that she hopes the next president will be someone with an education background who doesn't micromanage and encourages input from the faculty. Land is one of two faculty members who will serve on the committee. The other is Dr. Tom Jones, professor of biology.

Dr. Janet Land is one of two faculty members who will help identify GWU's next president.

New Faculty

The 2003-2004 academic year began with 15 new faculty members from various locales and backgrounds. They include:

- Ms. Rose L. Bailey, assistant professor of business law and acccounting.
- Dr. Benjamin C. Brooks, assistant professor of chemistry.
- Dr. Daniel E. Goodman, associate professor of New Testament.
- Mr. L. Scot Lahaie, assistant professor of theater arts and theater director.
- Dr. Ute S. Lahaie, associate professor of German.
- Ms. Kathy W. Lindsey, instructor in nursing.
- Dr. Hongwu "Sam" Ouyang, assistant professor of international business and strategy.
- Dr. Victoria "Vicky" F. Ratchford, assistant professor of education.
- Ms. Nancy H. Scroggs, assistant professor of nursing.
- Dr. David W. Shellman, assistant professor of education.
- Dr. Laura W. Smith, associate professor of psychology and counseling.
- Dr. Edwin B. Stepp, assistant professor of religious studies and philosophy.
- Dr. Theresia A. Wansi, assistant professor of financial economics and management information systems.
- Ms. Vickie G. Walker, instructor in nursing.
- Ms. Linda M. Wines, instructor in nursing.

Nursing News

- Troy McCurry, B.S.N., R.N. is the first male faculty member of the School of Nursing. McCurry began teaching as an adjunct staff member in Fall 2003. He serves as the clinical instructor, working with student nurses and conducting hands-on training in the labs on campus.

McCurry graduated from Gardner-Webb with his A.D.N. in 1987, and B.S.N. degree in 2002. Dr. Shirley Toney, dean of the School of Nursing, said of McCurry, "He is a very sincere and very caring faculty member, and I'm delighted he's here. He's providing good experience."

McCurry has experience as a PRN staff nurse in critical care with Gaston Memorial Hospital, in ICU/CCU at Upstate Carolina Medical Center and as director of ICU/CCU and PICU at Upstate Carolina Medical Center, and has worked in their emergency department. He has also worked as nurse manager/quality improvement specialist and home health nurse with Interim Healthcare, IV Therapy Nurse with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and charge nurse at same.

- The School of Nursing has announced that the GWU Nursing Honor Society has been approved as an at-large member of the Mu Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nursing. The School will be joining with the Mu Psi Chapter at Queens University in Charlotte. A highly favorable recommendation was received this past summer, based on the application and on-site visit. The formal induction ceremony occurs January 18, 2004. Baccalaureate and Master's students and graduates and community members who are eligible will be invited to join.

A Gift Given With

"Locks Of Love"

Trends on college campuses vary greatly from one campus to another, from one decade to another. This trend, however, has really caught the attention of many. At the time this article is written, there were eight in the Gardner-Webb family who are or have participated in Locks of Love, including students (one male) and two staff members.

by Kaylin Bowers, "Locks of Love" participant

Gardner-Webb students have extreme compassion for those in need. There are many events that Gardner-Webb students choose to participate in. Some give blood, some walk for life, others donate hair.

"Locks of Love" is an organization where students can donate their hair to help make wigs for young girls undergoing cancer treatments. It's natural hair (the patient) can curl and play with it like any other little girl.

Many young ladies on the Gardner-Webb campus have realized how precious long hair is to little girls, and also, how easily it grows back. "Hair is something girls take for granted," said Pamela Darnell, a junior. "It's a luxury, an extra thing to play with and, to a little girl with cancer, that means a lot."

Each donor has a story behind why they are donating their hair. Darnell's inspiration was her friends. "You [continue to] live life like normal and that inspired me to do it. You just sit here and let your hair grow," she said. Darnell donated 10 inches of her hair after Christmas break for the first time.

Julie Lineberger read about Locks of Love in a magazine article and thought it a perfect way for girls to "make someone's life a little easier." She also met another hair donor who knew a girl with cancer. "Talking to them made me think that I have and have always had long hair," said Lineberger. "I thought about being sick and not having hair and that being an added stress to life." Lineberger is currently in the process of growing her hair out to give again. Lineberger gave 11 inches of hair in May 2002.

Another student, Chelsea Simon has donated her hair and plans to do so again. Simon gave 15 inches in memory of her grandmother who had died of cancer the year before her donation in 2001. Now, she's growing her hair out to donate again.

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All three girls, and many others on campus, think donating to Locks of Love is a good cause "because cancer is hard for anyone and losing hair is hard, especially for kids," said Simon. Locks of Love is probably one of the easiest donations people can make. "It doesn't cost you anything, really," said Simon.

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Lineberger would also encourage others to think through the decision to donate because "it is a very personal way to help someone," she said. To find out more about Locks of Love, visit www.locksoflove.org.

photo by photojournalism student Kaylin Bowers

A Handicap? That's Not The Way Derek Lane Sees It

GWU Sophomore Labels His Blindness A "Mere Inconvenience"

by Kaylin Bowers, student

GWU Sophomore Derek Lane does not consider his blindness a handicap. In fact, this communications major only considers it a "mere inconvenience." Said Lane, who was born blind, "Ultimately, I would love to work with radio productions, doing sound effects and voiceovers."

This past summer, Lane did audio work for his church during the services. Music has been a large part of Lane's life since he was young. He began taking piano lessons at the age of five and now sings for the Gardner-Webb Concert Choir.

However, Lane learns the music somewhat differently from everyone else. Since he cannot see, he must have his music translated into Braille. There are Braille codes for music notes, said Lane, but he does not know them very well. He has the words to the songs put in Braille and bound together for him by the Noel House on campus.

During performances, the Concert Choir is allowed to have music available to them, but Lane typically memorizes the song, keeping the words handy as a back-up.

Since he only has the words translated into Braille for him, he listens carefully to the parts around him in order to learn the song's tune. And he receives a tape of the music with just his part on it, which helps him to learn the songs more quickly.

"Obviosuly, one hindering aspect of blindness is that I cannot sight-read," said Lane. "Some people are really good and can pick up music and start playing or singing just from sight-reading."

Lane either has to wait until the music is put into Braille or have someone read him the words. Lane calls such difficulties "minor annoyances."

No matter how many annoyances life gives, music remains a part of Lane's life. "He is so talented," said Maggie Koon, a junior who sings with Lane in the choir. "It's got to be difficult. He has such a passion for music and it is more than just singing. It is for music as a whole, even keyboards."

To Lane, his blindness is not a handicap. "A handicap is something that you start out with and it gets worse," said Lane."If you were born in a certain state, it has never existed, therefore it's not a handicap." Lane has overcome many of the difficulties blindness may cause and has learned to enjoy life - and music - the way it is.

SENIOR PINNING

"Oh, the Places, You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss was the celebratory theme of this year's Senior Pinning Banquet and Ceremony held this fall during Family Weekend. Fun decorations combined with moments of reflection on the seniors' success and upcoming graduation created endearing memories.

Those in attendance included honored seniors, guests, faculty and staff, which totaled more than 500 people. GOAL seniors represented half of those seniors honored.

Several speakers made up the evening program including: President Dr. Frank Campbell, alumnus Larry Durham, and varous staff, faculty and students.

Emily Poplin, a GOAL program senior, spoke about how Gardner-Webb has made a bachelor's degree accessible to her.

Seniors participate in the Senior Pinning Ceremony on Family Weekend.

(Photos by photojournalism student Scott Holstein)

Student Gets One Of 10 National Scholarships

Kathryn Phillips, a GWU senior, has received the prestigious Nolle scholarship from the Alpha Chi honor society. Alpha Chi is a national honor society for college juniors and seniors.

Alpha Chi promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college students and honors those who achieve such distinction. As a general honor society, Alpha Chi admits to membership students from all academic disciplines. Membership in Alpha Chi is an honor limited to the top 10 percent of the junior and senior classes.

Alpha Chi gives 10 Nolle scholarships of $1,500 per year to seniors across the nation based on the submission of a 20-page paper. Phillips presented her work at the national Alpha Chi conference in Washington, D.C., based on research she had completed the previous summer on Parkinson's Disease in Chicago.

Her research pursued the use of gene therapy techniques to treat the actual causes of Parkinson's Disease. Most treatments currently used deal with the symptoms. The research looks to address the regineration of the neurons.

Phillips is a chemistry major and English minor. She has applied to medical school and is considering general practice, incorporating research into her practice.

"One of the things I would like to do is overseas mission trips to bring medical care to people who don't normally have it," says Phillips. She has pursued an English minor to strenghthen her passion for writings and has had a few of her poems published.

BULLDOG

Football Program Takes Home Second Straight Conference Title

The football team celebrates another Big South championship as quarterback Nick Roberts hoists the conference trophy among his teammates.

Gardner-Webb ran to a 29-0 halftime lead, and kept the pressure on in the second half for a 46-0 homecoming win over Charleston Southern, wrapping up the Bulldogs' second-straight Big South Conference championship.

GWU ran its home winning streak to 14 games with the victory (the Dogs would make it 15 straight with a win the following week against Florida International), and kept its Big South record unblemished, dominating the game from start to finish. The Bulldogs registered 370 yards of total offense, despite beginning seven of its drives inside Charleston Southern territory. The win also secured Gardner-Webb's seventh-straight winning season, and was the 50th win of head coach Steve Patton's tenure in Boiling Springs. Patton's total mark at GWU now stands at 51-24.

Awards, Honors Pour In

Senior football players Chris Foster and Jim Maxwell were named first-team CoSIDA Academic All-District III in the University Division, which includes all Division I-A and I-AA schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Virginia.

The selections mark the first time in Gardner-Webb football history that two teammates have earned first-team CoSIDA (CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-District honors in the same season.

• Junior football player Mario Williams was named Big South Defensive Player of the Year for the second year in a row Monday, and head coach Steve Patton earned his second straight Coach of the Year award as the Bulldogs placed 20 players on the 2003 All-Conference squad. Linebacker Jim Maxwell was named Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year by the league, sharing the honor with VMI kicker Matt Sharpe.

In two seasons, the Bulldogs have seen 40 student-athletes earn All-Big South honors in football.

• Football standouts Mario Williams and Graham Whitlock earned spots on the second major I-AA All-America Team, as each was named second-team All-America by The Associated Press. The selections mark the second and third time GWU players have been named to the Associated Press' I-AA All-America Team

• GWU's Todd Ulrich was named to the Academic All-America Men's Soccer University Division Third Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Ulrich, a senior from Shillington, Pa., carries a grade point average of 3.969 and is majoring in finance. The four-year defensive starter earned his way onto the All-America ballot by being named to the Academic All-District III First Team on Nov. 6.

An Academic All-Conference selection in 2002, Ulrich becomes Gardner-Webb's first men's soccer Academic All-American since Robert Daniel in 1997.

• Sergio Lozano, Carlitos Ramirez and Tyler Kettering all earned postseason men's soccer honors from the Atlantic Sun Conference. Lozano and Ramirez were named to the All-Conference Second Team, while Kettering was voted to the All-Freshmen Team.

• GWU soccer players Liz Kier and Lindsey Gladhill both earned spots on the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association University Division Women's Soccer All-State team.

Athletics

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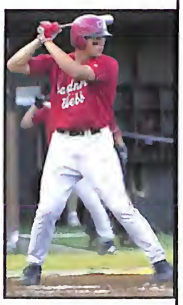
Remaining games for men's and women's basketball are shown below. Please check www.gwusports.com for more information about locations and tournament play.

Men's Basketball

1/17/04	8:15 pm	Stetson
1/19/04	8:15 pm	Jacksonville
1/22/04	8:15 pm	Belmont
1/24/04	3 pm	Lipscomb
1/31/04	8:15 pm	Belmont
2/2/04	7 pm	Lipscomb
2/5/04	7 pm	Jacksonville
2/7/04	7 pm	Stetson
2/12/04	8:15 pm	Georgia State
2/14/04	8:15 pm	Mercer
2/20/04	7 pm	Campbell
2/22/04	3 pm	Troy State
2/26/04	TBA	UCF

Women's Basketball

1/19/04	6 pm	Florida Atlantic*
1/22/04	6 pm	Belmont*
1/24/04	7 pm	Lipscomb*
1/29/04	7 pm	Stetson*
1/31/04	6 pm	Jacksonville*
2/4/04	7: pm	Campbell*
2/7/04	5:15 pm	Stetson*
2/9/04	7: pm	Jacksonville*
2/12/04	6 pm	Lipscomb*
2/14/04	6 pm	Belmont*
2/19/04	7 pm	Florida Atlantic*
2/21/04	2 pm	UCF*
2/26/04	8 pm	Troy State*
3/4/04	7 pm	Georgia State*
3/6/04	2 pm	Mercer*
3/13/04	TBA	A-Sun Tournament



Gardner-Webb University Runnin' Bulldog athletics is in full swing as the 2004 calendar year begins. Men's and women's basketball conference action has begun and the baseball team looks to build on a successful 2003 season despite a tough schedule that features such high-profile programs as Florida, UNC-Chapel Hill, Maryland, and Clemson. See www.gwusports.com for these and other schedules for all winter/spring sports.

Baseball

2/7/04	2:00pm	Florida
2/8/04	1:00pm	Florida
2/14/04	1:00pm	Appalachian St.
2/15/04	1:00pm	Appalachian St.
2/20/04	1:00pm	George Mason
2/21/04	1:00pm	Charleston Southern
2/22/04	10 am	Maryland
2/24/04	3:00pm	North Carolina
2/28/04	2:00pm	North Carolina A&T
2/29/04	2:00pm	North Carolina A&T
3/2/04	2:30pm	Davidson
3/3/04	4:00pm	Clemson
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3/10/04	3:00pm	Furman
3/12/04	6:00pm	Central Florida
3/13/04	1:00pm	Central Florida (2)
3/16/04	3:00pm	Western Carolina
3/19/04	3:00pm	Florida Atlantic
3/20/04	1:00pm	Florida Atlantic (2)
3/23/04	2;00pm	UNC-Asheville
3/24/04	3:00pm	High Point
3/30/04	3:00pm	Charleston Southern
3/31/04	3:00pm	Pfeiffer

**for locations of games and the April/May schedule, please see www.gwusports.com*

HOMECOMING 2003

On the weekend of November 7th - 9th, Gardner-Webb celebrated Homecoming 2003, bringing alumni, families and fans to enjoy countless activities.

Homecoming 2003 will be remembered for its smiles and rekindled friendships. In addition to the traditional powder-puff game, homecoming parade and alumni awards, were a new offering of reunion gatherings that brought alumni and classmates together once again.

"This year's homecoming embodied the theme, 'There's No Place Like Home' for many of our alumni," said Lou Ann Gilliam, director of alumni relations. "Alumni gatherings such as the 90s social offered a unique opportunity for folks to reconnect with former classmates and professors. At the 'Quarter of a Century Gathering' classes of '75 through '80 gathered on Saturday afternoon during the game peering through old annuals and reminiscing over twenty-five years of memories."

On the same weekend, GWU played host to approximately 1,100-1,200 youth soccer players as teams participated in the The Chevrolet Recreation Cup's Western Regional playoffs, sponsored by the North Carolina Soccer Association and in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association

... there really was no place like home!

(GCCSA).

The November 7-9 weekend brought one of the largest numbers of people to campus since the 1996 Olympic Cycling Trials, when approximately 10,000 people converged on campus.

With the GCCSA event, Gardner-Webb was involved not only in providing field space and other facilities, but also in parking manpower, security, the preparation of the fields, and sharing of resources.

GWU has been the home for the GCCSA since spring of 1996. Along with GWU athletics and academic programs, the GCCSA will also benefit with greater office space from the new stadium renovations, scheduled for completion in 2004.

Another group enjoyed the Gardner-Webb campus on Homecoming weekend. Royal Ambassadors/Girls in Action Day was sponsored by the Office of Admissions. Church groups from Cleveland County and surrounding areas participated in this segment of Homecoming Weekend.

"Munchkin Land" with its inflatible games and face painting was a big hit with the kids as well as the parents. Classmates were able to catch up with one another as their kids experienced the giant slide, moon bounce and face painting.

photos by Lee and Gail Adams

Reaching Out To Children Across the Globe

"The potential for positive influence on a child, their family and possibly even their country is enormous. Who knows what kind of role this child may play in the future leadership of their country?"
- Marty Montague

Marvin is one of 15 children who came to America for the first time, rode a plane for the first time and got medical care he couldn't get in the circumstances surrounding him in his native home. All the children who visit America through Global Children Outreach come to receive some type of medical assistance. Marvin came for eye surgery to remove a growth that was impairing his vision. He will likely return through Global Children Outreach for additional surgery.

Marty Montague '94 was one of the three founders for Global Children Outreach, with a passion to help children in need.

Global Children Outreach is an organization that connects churches and families with children, primarily from foreign countries, who have needs that cannot be met in their present circumstances. It is hoped that by having families, with support from their church, host the children, that bonds will be formed to help share the message of God's love in addition to caring for the medical needs of the children. A camp gathering of all the children is part of the program that teaches hygiene and the message of God's love mixed with games and fun.

Marty Montague

Gardner-Webb alumnus, Marty Montague '94 B.A., was one of the three founders for Global Children Outreach, with a passion to help children in need. Her passion is to help children who do not have the opportunity for adequate care, medically and spiritually, in their circumstances. "We link children who have needs with churches who have resources," says Montague.

The summer of 2003, brought children from Ecuador, Moldova and South Dakota, most experiencing the same firsts as Marvin, though with differing medical reasons for

Gardner-Webb University

Honor Roll of Donors

2002-2003

The Honor Roll of Donors

is a special opportunity for Gardner-Webb University to recognize those who have supported the institution through the sharing of their resources.

Gifts made to GWU over the last year have helped to further place the university among the elite colleges and universities in the Southeast and the nation. Great strides have been made to offer additional scholarship assistance, expanded and modern facilities, and increased offerings on the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels. Without the support of these donors, Gardner-Webb would not be the institution to which students worldwide come to learn and grow.

The Honor Roll gives special recognition to those who have given $1,000 or more to the university in the 2002-2003 academic year. These donors gain membership into the University Club as a result of their giving level. University Club donors are described as having caught the vision of the institution, embraced it, and have given of themselves to see it realized.

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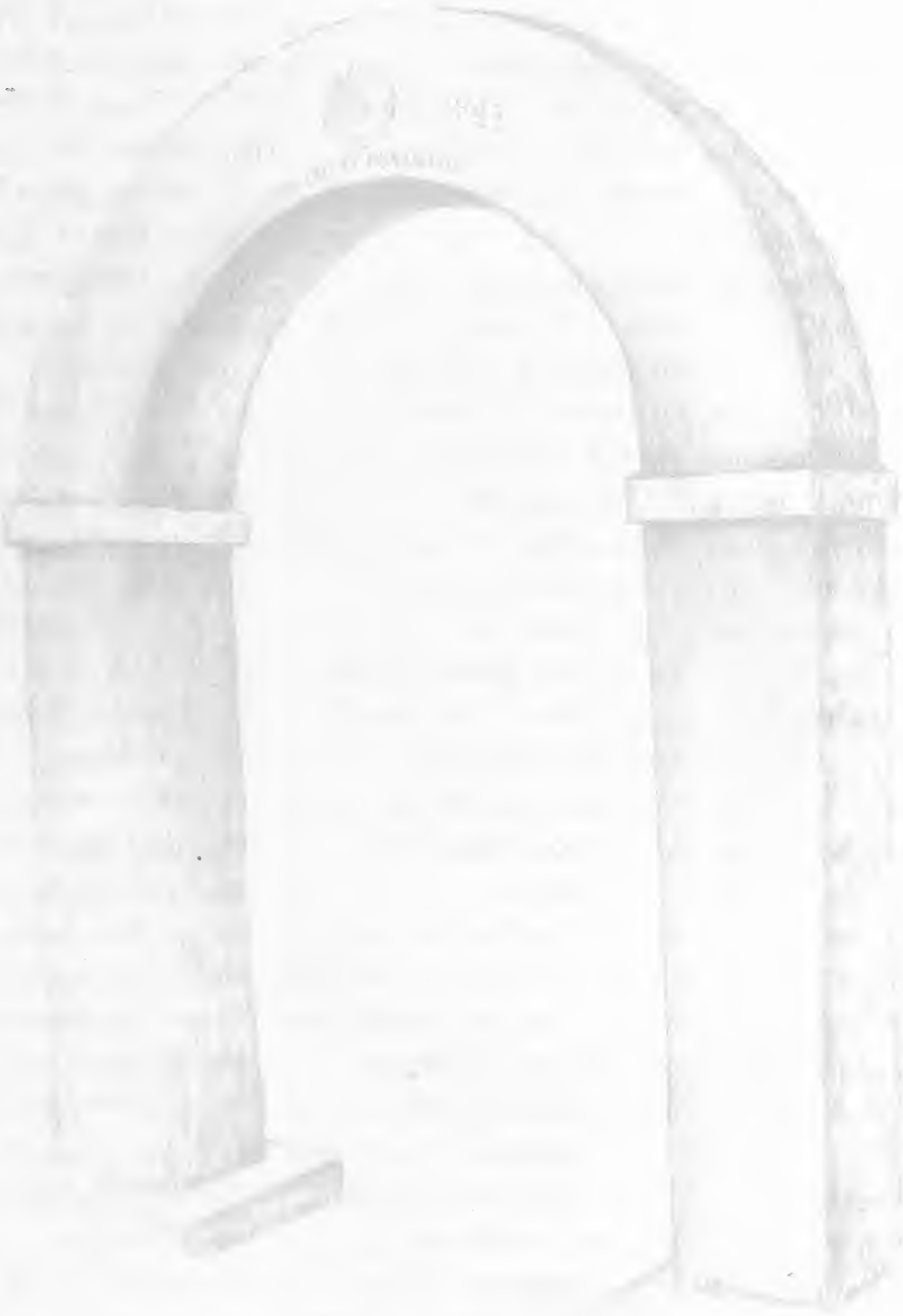
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gravel
Ms. Mary S. Greene
Mrs. Nell S. Griggs
Mrs. Darlene B. Hagy
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hall
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hammond
Mrs. Ann P. Hamrick
Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hamrick
Mrs. Rebecca H. Hamrick
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hardman
Mr. and Mrs. David Harris Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harris
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Hauswald
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hawkins III
Ms. Katrenia Haynes-Wells
Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Henninger
Ms. Rebecca Marie Henninger
Mr. Roger D. Hill
Ms. Janet E. Holdway
Rev. and Mrs. Morris S. Hollifield
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hood
Dr. and Mrs. Nolan P. Howington
Ms. Esther C. Hoyle



the trip.

Yuri is an older child who also came in the summer of 2003. His situation is another example of the kind of medical assistance needs that bring these children to America through Global Children Outreach. He had open heart surgery at the age of four and had recently received a diagnosis that would require a second open heart surgery. Doctors in his country of residence are paid by the government based on the procedures they perform, therefore not relying on the patients' funds for services rendered. Yuri's parents questioned his need for surgery. He was brought to America to confirm the need for the second surgery. Doctor's in America confirmed Yuri's parents' suspicions that no surgery was necessary. He was diagnosed in America as healthy.

"Global Children Outreach provides an opportunity to reach out to a child while God teaches great lessons about the value He places on the least of these, His children."
- Sheree Mann, host parent

Marty Montague has traveled extensively and travels often to locate the children in need and make necessary arrangements. Churches donate funds to cover the children's sponsorship fees which provides for their transportation to America. Volunteer families undergo a screening process and training to host a child during their stay in America. Montague works with a team of volunteers, a board of directors and one full-time staff member to coordinate the program.

Medical services are donated by hospitals, individual physicians or clinics. Volunteers are trained in caring for the children during their stay and in communicating with the children once they return home. It is hoped that the Christian home environment, as well as the opportunity for medical care, will show the children God's love in a tangible way.

Global Children Outreach can be reached at 704-566-0740 or by e-mail at gco11@bellsouth.net.

Pictured right: Yuri enjoys water activities, which is a highlight of the camp for many of the participants. Photos by photojournalism student Lee Adams.

Hanner Integrates Faith With Smart Business Sense

The Three Rivers Center for Behavioral Health Organization has emerged from behind closing doors to thrive under the guidance of president and C.E.O. Andy Hanner '86 B.S.

Three Rivers offers inpatient, residential and outpatient services to adolescents, adults and seniors for psychiatric and substance abuse related illnesses, and is one of the largest providers of this type in the Carolinas, located in West Columbia, S.C.

In 2000, Charter Behavioral Health Organization, the parent company for Three Rivers (then Charter Rivers), declared bankruptcy, leaving the facility to close it's doors or find a new financial backer.

According to Hanner, "It was about pursuing a higher calling rather than just moving on to another job." Hanner took on the challenge to keep the doors of Three Rivers open to serve those in need.

Three Rivers is now thriving: more beds have been added with and plans to expand again in 2004. Three Rivers has expanded their market in North Carolina and the staff is in negotiations to acquire another hospital. Plans have been drawn to add a four story office building at Three Rivers 20 acre campus as well. They also provide home-based academic programming for school age residents.

"Faith certainly plays an integral role in helping to bring healing to the patient and family," says Hanner. When asked how his own faith works through the organization he states, "it is a thread that weaves its way down thru the company."

Hanner participated in a summer missions program for three years while a student at Gardner-Webb. "It was a rewarding experience," says Hanner, who remembers wanting to help those in need, especially the mentally ill. Hanner studied psychology with a religion minor at GWU.

Some of Hanner's fondest memories of his days as a student at Gardner-Webb is a promotion carried out by a local restaurant, the Qwik Snack, "A cheeseburger and tea for $2.03," and late night pontificating with the guys about Dietrich Bonhoffer and others.

After graduation, Hanner pursued serving indigent families in New York City before getting a master's degree in social work and theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hanner then went to New Orleans where he worked as a case worker. That position led to a new position managing the mental illness treatment program at the city's hospitals.

Hanner now also serves as the treasurer for the National Association of Social Workers in S.C. He has a wife, daughter and son.

Gallery of Distinguished Graduates

2003 Award Winners

Gardner-Webb University established the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates to recognize and honor alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their fields of service and in the communities in which they serve. Every year, alumni are selected from nominations by their peers and the Gardner-Webb community.

Ron Rash
Alumnus of the Year

Martha Mason
Jr. College Alumnus

Star Wright Gist
Young Alumnus

Cara Madoni
Future Alumnus

Alumnus of the Year, Ron Rash (B.A. '76), is a Pulitzer Prize nominee author and educator. He holds the Parris Distinguished Professor Chair in Appalachian Cultural Studies at Western Carolina University. He has served as a visiting writer in the graduate creative writing program for the University of South Carolina. Mr. Rash has been published in over 80 journals and magazines. His awards include the National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowship and the Sherwood Anderson Award. In 2002, he was awarded the Appalachian Writers Association's Book of the Year Award for "One Foot in Eden," which also won Foreword Magazine's Gold Medal for Best Literary Novel of 2002. He has written two collections of short stories and three collections of poems.

Junior College Alumnus of the Year, Martha Ann Mason (A.A. '58), is a published author. Her memoir, "Breath: Life in the Rhythm of an Iron Lung," shows how she has overcome many physical disabilities in order to enjoy knowledge, good friends, and life. Her honors and awards include the Paul Harris Fellow of the Shelby Rotary Club, recognition with distinction of Pro Humanitate from Wake Forest and the Phi Beta Kappa award. Mason has been honored as the Lattimore Citizen of the Year.

Young Alumnus of the Year, Starr Gist Wright (B.A. '00, M.Div. '03), serves as the chaplain resident for Greenville Memorial Hospital. She is the associate minister at Roberts Tabernacle CME Church in Shelby, N.C. Her ministry has included working as chaplain at Cleveland Regional Hospital, serving as the associate Sunday School director at Palmer Grove Baptist Church and serving as an assistant minister at New Life Fellowship Church.

Future Alumnus of the Year, Cara Madoni (B.S. '04), is a senior from Lutherville, M.D., earning her bachelor of science degree in psychology with a minor in youth education studies. Her aspirations include mission work in Africa and serving as a social worker or elementary school counselor. Her service to Gardner-Webb and the community includes serving two years as a youth minister; leading a student ministry team, FOCUS, for two years; serving as junior class treasurer; Student Alumni Council secretary; a senior class senator in the Student Government Association; serving as the Student Alumni Council vice-president; a resident assistant; and a student caller for phone-a-thon.

Gallery Inductees for the year 2003 are as follows:

1. Dr. Doris Vance Banner '54 A.A. is a retired educator and has been affiliated with many professional organizations including the National Education Association. She received her Ed.D. from UNC-Greensboro.

2. Orstell Barnett '85 B.S. serves as the community outreach executive for EDS School Partnerships. He has also acted as the corporate advisor for the National Black College Alumni Association.

3. Renee Bennett Bethea '99 B.S. is a counselor and Gear Up coordinator for Anson County Schools. She is also an adjunct professor for Gardner-Webb. She was elected for two terms as a member of the S.C. Education Association Board of Directors.

4. Alex M. Bromir '52 A.A. is a retired educator with the Miami-Dade County School System having served as a principal and superintendent. He is a member of the American Red Cross and the Florida Association of School Administrators Board of Directors. He has been recognized as the citizen of the year by the Hialeah Miami Kiwanis Club.

5. Samuel Todd Capps '89 B.S. works as the editor-in-chief- of "G-Force," a publication of Lifeway. He is working on his Ph.D. in Christian Education from Trinity Evangelical Seminary.

6. Jerome Frederick Davis Creach '84 B.A. is the Robert C. Holland Associate Professor of Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is also a noted author having written numerous articles for scholarly journals, several commentaries, and multiple book reviews.

7. Rev. Erik D. Cummings '92 B.A. is the senior pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Carol City, F.L. He serves as a worker for the State Sunday School division of the Florida Baptist Convention. He has been recognized for his creative gospel musical "Hope 'N Da Hood."

8. Carolyn Lewis Duncan '72 B.A. is retired from Crest High School, where she taught French since 1978. She has been awarded the Star Teacher of the Year and is a member of the N.C. Association of Educators.

9. Steve Erwine '97 M.B.A. works as the senior controller for St. Jude Medical Center in Pickens, S.C. While at Gardner-Webb, he helped establish the M.B.A Executive Association and served as its first president.

10. T. Richard Furse, Jr. '95 M.B.A. is the vice-president of operations for COPAC, Inc. in Spartanburg, S.C. He is also an elected member of the town council in Rutherfordton, N.C.

11. Fred Glennon '80 B.A. is a professor and chair of the department of religious studies at LeMoyne College. He is the author of many articles for scholarly journals and several other publications. He has been named the Instructor of the Year for his excellence in teaching.

12. Tim Hagler '86 B.S. serves as the president of Professional Care Management, Inc., which he founded in 1996. In 2001, he was elected mayor of Harrisburg, N.C. after serving on the town council.

13. Barry E. Hambright '61 A.A. has served as a professor of history and political science at Gardner-Webb since 1969. During that time he has acted as the coordinator of the criminal justice program, the assistant academic dean, and the chair of the department of social science. He has been awarded the Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award.

14. Jimmy Harris '86 B.S. is the president of Harris Ace Hardware. He also has served as the mayor of Brevard, N.C. since 1999.

15. Rowell Lane '34 A.A. worked as a classroom teacher and principal. He also served as a Lieutenant Colonel for the U.S. Air Force during WWII.

16. Mickey Banks Sharpe '88 B.S. is an accountant executive for Office Interiors, Inc. He previously served as the director of alumni and parent relations for Gardner-Webb.

17. Lavonda Fox Shires '73 A.D.N. is employed by Cleveland Regional Medical Center as a health nurse. Her career in nursing has also included serving as an operating room schedule nurse and as a public health nurse II. She has been recognized as one of the top 100 nurses in N.C.

18. John C. Vaughn '87 B.S. is vice-president for the Connecticut State Deaf Golfers Association as well as a board member of the U.S. Deaf Golf Foundation. He has won 11 Southeastern Deaf Golf championships. He is preparing for his third year of participation on the USA Deaf Golf Team.

19. Glenn Reid Walker '54 B.A. is the founder of Hands on Missions in Shelby, N.C. and serves as the executive director. He is a member of the Fellowship of World Baptist Ministries.

20. William B. Watterson '63 A.A. serves as an advanced placement English teacher at Watauga High School in Boone, N.C. Previously, he was a professor of English at Brevard College and Lees-McCrae College. He has been recognized as the English Teacher of the Year by the N.C. English Teacher's Association.

For more information on these alumni and their accomplishments, visit the alumni Web site at www.alumni.gardner-webb.edu.

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1940s

Landsford Jolley '47, GWU historian and decorated alumnus, received a second award for the book "Visions of Faith: The Sesquicentennial History of Kings Mountain Baptist Association: 1851-2001" during the North Carolina Baptist State Convention gathering in November 2003.

Hazel Hicks '49 A.A and **Fred Hicks '50 A.A.** celebrated 53 years of marriage on June 20, 2003, at the Life Care Center in Banner Elk. They were married in 1950 at Spencer Baptist Church in Spindale, N.C. The couple met at Gardner-Webb.

1950s

Gerald Freeman and his wife, Karen, recently finished a four year term with the Mission Society for United Methodists in Costa Rica. They are beginning their work with Global Outreach and the Bishop of Costa Rica has given approval for them to continue to use work teams to assist the Methodist church in that country.

Bryan Gillespie '51 A.A. has recently retired from his position as professor of English at Stetson University. He and his wife are enjoying their retirement days. They currently live in Deland, F.L. bgillespie@cfl.rr.com

1960s

Joyce Philbeck '61 A.A. currently serves as the director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program as well as the director of Spartanburg's chapter of the Linus Project.

Michael Pearson '63 A.A. has left an indelible mark on his students' lives for the past 38 years in Polk and Landrum Counties. He retired from teaching on May 23, 2003. In his honor, the students and staff of O.P. Earle High School along with the Mayor of Landrum dedicated a park bench, plaque and a day in Pearson's name.

Drew Bridges '67 was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Psychiatric Association. He would like to hear from classmates. phrendrew@aol.com

1970s

Collette Deviney '71 B.S., '82 M.A. has received the 2003 Principal of the Year Award for the Cleveland County School System. She has received this award twice previously, in 1997 and 2001. Deviney has led Union Elementary School in volunteer efforts for which they received the 9 Who Care award from WSOC-TV in 2003. ColletteDeviney@aol.com

Juanita C. Fickling '71 B.S. is serving as president of Fickling and Associates. She and husband, Peter, live in Connelly Springs.

L.T.C. Debra Roberts Gibbs '71 is on active duty as a Nurse Practitioner in Fort Bragg, N.C., serving mostly 82nd Airborne Soldiers. Gibbs has served in the Army Reserves for 22 years and had planned to retire before called to active duty for Desert Storm, spending 9 months at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She has been on active duty since March 28, 2003. She has one son currently in college. Her husband is an account sales representative with Smithfield Packing.

Jimmy Boyd '73 recently accepted a position as a biology and resource teacher at Woodruff High School. He also serves as a girls' basketball coach. He has served in the education field for 29 years.

Dr. Marcia A. Duncan '73 B.A. recently accepted a position as superintendent for instruction and accountability for the Union County School District.

Ethel Bumgardner Pederson '73 has been named Wachovia Principal of the Year for the Kings Mountain District School System. She serves as the first principal of the Kings Mountain Intermediate School. She has worked in the educational field for over thirty years.

Lavonda Shires '73 A.A. was recently awarded the "Occupational Health Nurse of the Year" award from the North Carolina Association of Occupational Health Nurses. The honor was presented to the outstanding nurse for exemplary dedication to the nursing profession. Shires was previously named a "Great 100 Nurse in North Carolina for 2001," and has been a registered nurse for 30 years.

Ken Brooks '74 B.A. recently led his high school chorus group to a grand championship at a competition in Williamsburg, V.A. He has been the chorus teacher at Crest High School for 27 years.

Mike Philbeck '74 B.S. was recently named by Coldwell Banker Horn and Associates Inc. as a broker-in-charge, with 18 years of brokerage experience. He has served as the director, vice president and president of the Cleveland County Association of Realtors.

Vicki Hinson Sanders '74 B.S. is proud to announce that her oldest son, Sam Jr., was promoted to Lieutenant of the U.S. Navy in May 2003. Her youngest son, Tim, and his wife, April, presented her with her first grandchild in January 2003.

Shirley Tennyson Scruggs '75 B.S. recently retired from teaching in Spartanburg County Schools after 28 years of service. She now works as an assistant principal in Cliffside. sscruggs@rutherford.k12.nc.us

Rebecca Wood '75 B.S. has retired after 14 years with Wachovia Bank. She plans on spending time with her family; her husband Russell will be retiring soon also. The couple plan to spend time traveling and working on hobbies. scrapper57@bellsouth.net

Karen Andrews '78 B.S. recently received the International City/County Management Association's Credentialed Manager Designation. She has served as town manager of Rutherfordton since 1993, and is one of only 653 local government professionals to earn the distinction.

Irene Breuhaus '79 B.S. lives in Roscoe, IL. with husband Jim.

William "Ham" Hudson '58 A.A. has retired as CEO of Oconee Memorial Hospital. He received the William L. Yates Award for extraordinary dedication to the South Carolina Hospital Association, after working on the SCHA's behalf for almost 40 years. He chaired the Board of Trustees an unprecedented three times and held every elected office in the SCHA. He also chaired every major committee of the association. He is the longest tenured hospital CEO in S.C. In the spring of 2003, he received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian award and received the Seneca Chamber of Commerce 2003 Hall of Fame Award. He also received the Palmetto Healthcare Trust Services Lifetime Achievement Award and numerous other honors and distinctions. His service to healthcare in S.C. earned him a commendation from the S.C. State House of Representatives in 1997. His wife, Wilma '57, retired from teaching kindergarten at Seneca Baptist for 17 years. wandhhudson@aol.com

Roy Kirby '79 B.S. has been Crest High School's head football coach since 1997. He recently was appointed athletic director.

Tommy Puckett '79 B.A. has been named regional director for Woodbridge Alternative in Wilmington. There he develops child mental health services.

Reverend James G. Mackey '80 B.A. was awarded a doctorate of ministry degree from Erskine Theological Seminary on May 18, 2003. He has served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army and has over 20 years experience as a Methodist minister. He is married to Sandy Gouge and has three children.

Valerie Boyd '81 B.S. has been named principal of Bethware Elementary in Kings Mountain. She has 15 years of classroom experience teaching Head Start and fourth and fifth grades. She previously served as the assistant principal at Kings Mountain High School.

Jimmy Vern Cauble '81 B.S. retired on November 30, 2003, as the superintendent of the N.C. Department of Corrections. He is retiring after 32 years of service. He worked as a sergeant and assistant superintendent before accepting the position as superintendent.

Sharon Godsmark Henderson '81 B.S. and family haved moved to Hurst, Texas. She is a team leader for Tastefully Simple as well as the E-Manager for Fairway Mortgage in Arlington. She and husband, Rick, have one son who is a senior at Trinity High in Euless, Texas. sharonkhen@hotmail.com

Dennis Aldridge '82 B.S. has served three churches as a bi-vocational Pastor and is now serving Aaron Baptist full-time. Moose44@earthlink.net

Timothy David Martin '82 is working in the railroad industry out of Hamlet, N.C., as a locamotive engineer. He worked as a special agent with the S.C. Law Enforcement. He has been married over 21 years, and has a daughter.

Tim Quattlebaum '83 B.S., '90 M.A. has taken a position as principal at Shelby Middle School. He has been a teacher of science, physical education and health for 16 years. He recently served as the assistant principal at Bessemer City Middle School.

Lisa Ledford Wassen '83 B.S. and **Kurt O. Wassen, Jr. '99 M.B.A.** She has been promoted to the position of safety officer II with the N.C. Department of Transportation. Her new responsibilities include overseeing and implementing the safety program and training for employees in six counties. He works as a quality manager for the Copeland Corporation. The couple resides in Shelby.

Neal Alexander '84 B.S. has been named senior vice president of human resources for Duke Power. He is serving his third four-year term on the board of trustees at Gardner-Webb University. He is also a deacon and Sunday school teacher at his church. He and his wife live in Denver.

Reverend Vincent Hefner '84 B.A. has published a book of compilations of his newspaper columns entitled True Confessions of a Baptist Preacher. He has been called "a modern parable writer." He also pastors First Baptist Cherryville. He has a wife and four children. He is working on another book.

Tim Lowry '84 B.S. is serving as the minister of education and activities at First Baptist Church of Cherryville. He supervises the church school program, the pre-school education program, and the Senior Samaritans. He and his wife, Kim, have one son.

John Kevin Carroll '85 B.A. and **Beth Maloney Carroll '88 B.S.** He is serving as the director of Rutherford County D.S.S. after serving as a social worker for 14 years. She is a national board certified teacher at Chase High School. They reside with their two daughters in Boiling Springs. jhncarrl@bellsouth.net

Phyllis W. Von Ebers '85 B.A. is working as a coordinator of the youth and children's ministries at Millwood Presbyterian Church in Spokane, W.A. She directs the praise team and chancel choir. She and husband, Stephen, have a 9-year-old daughter, Lydia. vonebers3@aol.com

Cindy J. Kelly '85 B.S. has joined Arthur State Bank as a trust officer after previous employment as a financial officer at Merrill Lynch. Her husband, Keith, is a lawyer. The couple has three daughters. cjkelly2000@aol.com

Selina R. Pate '85 B.S. and husband William L. Pate III have two children, Kelsey 11 and Hannah 6.

Michael Allen Hilliard '87 B.A. see Cheryl Hilliard '89.

Abbigail Stephens Kalaf '87 B.S. is married to Bill Kalaf. They have two children, Matthew who is six and recently started kindergarten and two and a half year old, Andrew. The family resides in Raleigh.

Donna Robertson '87 B.S. recently received national certification in physical education. She serves as the athletic director and physical education teacher at Brawley Middle School in Mooresville. dlroberts@adelphia.net

Beth Maloney Carroll '88 B.S. see John Carroll '85 undergraduate.

Carolyn Kirby '88 B.S. and husband Doug welcome son Blake Allen, born February 5, 2003. The family resides in Narrows, V.A. She is a counselor in student support services at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, W.V.

Charles T. Freeman '89 B.A. works as a teacher for the Rutherford County School System. He and wife Tracy welcomed their first born, Charles Easton, into the family in August 2003.

Cheryl Jean Hilliard '89 B.S. and **Michael Allen Hilliard '87 B.A.** are the new parents of Bethany, born January 2002, and Mason, April 2002. Both children's adoptions were finalized in September 2002.

Beth Kirk Rhyne '89 B.S. is married to **Rex Randall Rhyne '91 B.S.** with three children; sons Paul (14), Will (12) and Tanner (5). The family resides in Wilmington. merhyne@nhcs.k12.nc.us

Mary Schuman '89 B.S. has been named Teacher of the Year for West Marion Elementary. She has been teaching third grade at the school for seven years. She also coaches the Marion Bigfoot Soccer Team. She is working on her master's degree at Appalachian State University. She and her husband, Mark, have three daughters.

Karen Martin Hough '90 B.A. and **Joseph Thomas Hough '91 B.A.** She teaches at Cane Creek Middle School in Buncombe County. He just completed a one-year active duty assignment in the military district of

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Washington, D.C. He is the bravo commander of the 505th engineer battalion. He now serves as assistant principal at A.C. Reynolds High School. They reside in Hendersonville with their two children. joesnoop_98@yahoo.com

Edwin Jarrell '90 B.S. has been named Teacher of the Year for Westminster Middle School. He is in his third year of teaching English. edjarrell@hotmail.com

Melinda Gail Moore '90 B.S. and Custodio Jaime Malilong, III were married April 17, 2003, at Shalimar Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas. She is the director of after-school programs for Tulsa City Schools. He works as the operations manager for Metro Electronics. The couple resides in Tulsa, O.K.

Kimberly Jones Proctor '90 B.S. was recognized by Cleveland County Schools as being a teacher who impacts the lives of her students. She attended the Hoyt Q. Bailey Agape Awards Ceremony in the spring of 2003. Proctor was also congratulated by John Edwards, N.C. senator, for the success of the Dolphin Running Club at Washington Elementary in Shelby.

Lesa Caudle Williams '90 B.S. and husband Myron announce the birth of a son, Camden Hess, in June 2003. He has two brothers: Richard 9 and Tyler 6. The Williams live in Wingate.

Lorie Hardy '91 B.S. has accepted a position as principal at Ogden Elementary in Wilmington. She leaves her position as principal at Mount Ulla Elementary where she served for three years. She was one of the youngest principals to be employed by the Rowan-Salisbury School System.

Robert Harrelson '91 B.S. has been promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. He is a member of the Air Force premiere band, The Singing Sergeants, stationed in Boiling AFB in Washington D.C., as of October 2, 2003.

Karla E. Haynes '91 B.S. was honored at the 12th annual Cleveland County Commission for Women's Banquet honoring women who have contributed greatly to the lives of county citizens. She is the executive director of the Cleveland County Community Development Corporation. Her awards include Board Member of the Year from Cleveland County Girl's Club and the Distinguished Service Award from Cleveland County YMCA.

Joseph Thomas Hough '91 B.A. see Karen Hough '90.

Bobbie Huntsinger '91 B.A. announces the birth of son, Gabriel Tobias, in February of 2003. She and her husband have returned to missionary work in Montana with Youth With A Mission.

Jane Richards Szabaga '91 B.S. and spouse Denis, welcome their first child, Olivia Paige, born April 24, 2003.

Trent Jessup '91 (in white hat) is shown with his unit in Iraq.

Navy Lieutenant j.g. Trent A. Jessup '91 B.A. has returned home from serving in the southern Iraqi city of An Nasiriyah while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, based in Gulfport, Mississippi. Jessup was promoted to lieutenant during his time in Iraq, working full-time in the Navy. Jessup's unit assisted with convoys, watch-standing, radio operations, administrative coordination and project operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Seabees from NMCB-7 repaired more than $85,000 worth of damage to the city's courthouse, providing residents with a key meeting place to set up a new city council which in turn has helped establish law and order in the city.

Jessup's unit provided military construction support to Navy, Marine Corps and other forces in military operations, constructed base facilities and were armed to conduct defensive operations. Their motto "We Build, We Fight" illustrates their ability to work and defend themselves at construction sites outside their base camp and convoy through unsecured areas.

Trent is brother to Tracy Jessup, assistant dean of students and minister to the university for Gardner-Webb.

Russ Williams '91 B.S. is a retail development coordinator for Tommy Hilfiger, USA. He lives with wife Elizabeth in Cary.

Johnathan David Magnet '91 B.A. and **Marsha Peed Magnet '93 B.S.** announce the birth of Abigail Grace, born September 2003. There son, Andrew, is four. He serves as an associate pastor. Marsha is an educational sign language instructor in Fairfax, V.A. Magnet3@cox.net

Pam Crowe '92 B.S. has been named Teacher of the Year for Pinnacle Elementary. She began her teaching career ten years ago at Gilkey School. She and her husband live in Green Hill and have two children.

Darren Andrew Nosal '92 B.S. and Dawn Marie Mazyck were married on May 17, 2003, on Johns Island in Charleston. He serves as vice-president of Low Country Cartrage Co. She works for Trademark Properties Real Estate. They reside in Charleston.

Julie Carol Gant '93 B.S. and Richard Gray Grimes, Jr. were married on September 13, 2003, at Stony Point Baptist Church. She works as an accountant for Charles Jolly C.P.A. He is employed by Shurtape Technologies, Inc. The couple resides in Hiddenite.

Mary Metcalf Greene '93 B.A. has accepted a position with Solutions of Substance in Tryon as a grant writer. She and husband, Aaron, reside in Tryon with their five-year-old son, Grayson. She actively volunteers at Polk County High School, where her husband is principal.

Marsha Peed Magnet '93 B.S. see Johnathan Magnet '91.

Tom Nuzzi '93 B.S. married Jenna Chudek in August of 2003, in Gresham, O.R.

Mark Rape '93 B.S. see Chrissy Rape '94.

Jon Shockley '93 B.S. teaches physical education at Thomas Jefferson University and coaches softball while assisting the baseball and girls' basketball teams. He resides in Louisville, G.A. jshock09@hotmail.com

Michael Lorenzen Davis '94 B.S. and Katina Michele Phillips were married on May 10, 2003, at United in Christ Church in

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Goldsboro. He is a cardiac catherization lab manager at Johnston-Memorial Hospital. She is a math instructor at Wayne Community College.

Brian Keith Dixon '94 B.S. recently became the pastor of the Dolores Street Baptist Church in San Francisco, C.A.

Thomas Garrett '94 B.S. married wife Ann in May 2002. The couple resides in Pelter, S.C., where they both work for Milken & Co. as senior department and human resources managers.

Dean R. Gordon '94 B.S. serves as the director of law enforcement programs at Surry Community College. He has served as a police officer and detective for several police departments. He is working on completing his Ed.S. in adult education from Appalachian State University.

Allison Danielle Marano '94 B.S. married Anthony Marano in May of 2003, at the River Run Country Club in Davidson. They both work for the Bank of America and reside in Huntersville.

Kelvin Montieth '94 B.S. and **Mary Katheryn Montieth '94 B.S.** welcome their second son, Landon Alexander, born July 31, 2003. Older brother, Canaan Bradley, is now 3. The family lives in Gastonia.

Cheri Paysour '94 and **Robert D. Paysour '01 B.S.** She teaches art at Arndt Middle School. He serves as a fiber qualifications engineer for CommScope. The couple resides in Newton.
bpaysour2001@yahoo.com

Chrissy Hess Rape '94 B.S. and **Mark Rape '93 B.S.** announce the birth of their second child, Jacob Mark, born March 2003. Their first child, Gracelyn, was born March 2000.

Jennifer Shuford '94 B.S. works as an accountant for the Piedmont Council, BSA. She resides in Kings Mountain.
jshuford@bsamail.org

Melanie Taylor '94 B.A. and Tommy Hunt were married on September 6, 2003, in Gatlinburg. She is employed by the Rutherford County Department of Social Services. He works for Parton Lumber Company. The couple resides in Spindale.

Teresa Childersb '95 was recently appointed the director of resident services at Summit Place, an assisted living community. Her job includes supervision of the nursing staff, insuring lab work is scheduled and prescriptions are correct.

Clayton King '95 B.A. and wife Charie welcome their first son, Jacob Thomas. Clayton is an evangelist with Crossroads Ministries. Charie is a graphic designer. "Clayton King Live" is a radio show broadcasted on 38 stations from Alaska to N.C. Over 2,400 students across America attended the 8th annual Crossroads summer camp held at GWU this summer.

Larry McNeil '95 B.S. was awarded an achievement award by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. He is very active in his community serving on several boards including Habitat for Humanity and the Law Enforcement Advisory Board for S.C. He serves as the police chief of Bennettsville, S.C. and is a trustee at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Martha Scarborough '95 B.S. retired June 20, 2003, from her position as the assistant financial controller at Richmond Community College. She plans on spending her time visiting family.

Sherry Brindle '96 B.S. has been appointed executive director of the Helen. C. Gantt Child Development Center in Davie County. She is a certified level III administrator with the state of North Carolina. She also serves on the Early Childhood Advisory Board at Surry Community College. Brindle has worked with children in the school system and childcare centers for 26 years.

Darlene Elise Broadhurst '96 B.S. graduated from Appalachian State University in May 2003, with a masters in college student development. She works at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as a career counselor for the Bryan School of Business and Economics.

Michelle Walters Norman '96 B.S. see Matthew Norman '97

Julie Perkins '96 B.S. is the new director of the United Fund of Greater Mount Airy.

Dewayne "Poochie" Simpson '96 B.S. and **Sonya Simpson '96 B.S.** married in December of 2000. They reside in Tennessee with their children: Darius 12, Jonah 6. They are expecting their third child.

Lori Stanley Wilbanks '96 B.S. and **Michael Allen Wilbanks '98 B.S.** are serving as teachers at Kings Mountain High School. He is also a varsity coach.
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Lori Hope Chipman '97 B.S. and **Geoffrey Olin Hayes '97 B.S.** were married on May 31, 2003, at Oak Grove Baptist Church. She works for Lowe's. He serves on the police force in Boone. The couple resides in Wilkesboro.

Kristi Knox Goodrum '97 B.S. and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their second daughter, Kelby Ann, on May 16, 2003. kgoodrum@southernconstructors.com

Philip Byron Keefe '97 B.A. and wife, Mindy Kay, announce the birth of their second son, Gralin Hunter, born August 21, 2003.

Matthew Robert Norman '97 B.S. and **Michelle Walters Norman '96 B.S.** were appointed in June to serve as global service corp missionaries with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The two will serve as international student ministry consultants in Toronto and Ontario, Canada.

Denton Wall '97 B.S. and **John Samuel Wall '97 B.S.** announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Claire, born on August 1, 2003. The couple resides in Shelby.
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Josh Wall '97 B.A. is teaching social studies at E.E. Waddell High School in Charlotte.
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Dena Spangeler Webster '97 B.S. has joined Coldwell Banker Horn and Associates as a sales associate in the Kings Mountain office. She received her professional real estate training from Mingle Real Estate Institute. She volunteers at Double Shoals Baptist Church.

Steven Bernstein '98 B.S. was named vice-president of the Commercial Division of Jones and Frank Corp. He and his family are moving back to the Charlotte area.

Joan Caudill '98 B.S. was recently awarded the title of certified elections administrator

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by the North Carolina State of Inspections Board. She is only one of 34 people to earn the award after completing a comprehensive amount of coursework and passing an exam. She has served with the Wilkes County Board of Elections since 1997.

Thomas Roland Cox, III '98 B.S. and Lori Autumn Nicole McEntyre were married on June 14, 2003, in the Dover Chapel at Gardner-Webb. She is employed as a dental hygienist. He teaches and coaches baseball at Berkeley High School. The couple resides in Moncks Corner, S.C.

Shannon T. Davis '98 B.S. and her husband, Perry, announce the birth of their second child, William "Blake", on November 13, 2003. Blake has an older sister, Miranda, 12. stdavis@carolina.rr.com

James Russell Julian '98 B.A. and **Haley Tycer Julian '01 B.A.** He recently took a position as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Marrero, LA and is working on his M.Div. degree. The couple is expecting their first child in December and resides in New Orleans, LA. rev_julian@cox.net

Aime Nance '98 B.A. and spouse Jerry were blessed with their first son Cole Thomas in May 2003. The Nance family resides in CA.

Gilbert L. Noetzel '98 B.S. and spouse, Janice, became parents in June 2003, with the birth of their daughter, Katie Lea. She was baptized at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Reidsville.

Catherine Mauney Powell '98 B.S. and husband Tony celebrate the birth of their daughter, Camryn Blake, born in July of 2003. She works as an accountant and office manager for Wellington Hamrick, Inc., and he is a greens keeper at Cleveland Country Club.

Joel W. Thompson '98 B.A. and his wife Elizabeth announce the birth of their first child, Jack Carraro on May 11, 2003. Thompson is currently a student at Southern Baptist Seminary. The couple resides in Louisville, KY. revjoelt@hotmail.com

Laurelyn Meredith Vry '98 B.S. married in July of 2003. After four years as a Spanish teacher, she now helps run a bed and breakfast. She and her new husband reside in Norfolk, V.A.

Michael Allen Wilbanks '98 B.S. see Lori Wilbanks '96.

Haley Elizabeth Bridges Babb '99 B.S. and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Barrett born December 2002. He is the vice-president and financial advisor for Wachovia Securities.

Rita Dancy Colbert '99 B.S. was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant on April 10, after completing a noncommissioned officers course. She is the training sergeant for Company A, 505th Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in North Wilkesboro. She has 17 years of military service including three years active duty in Germany and Ft. Meade, M.D.

Forest Glen Cooke '99 B.S. currently works as a graphics plate maker for Resolution Packaging. He resides in Morganton.

Lisa Ann Creed '99 B.S. and William Kirk Anderson were married on September 6, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Mount Airy. He is employed by Tetra as a human resource generalist.

Kevin Lee Cruise '99 B.S. and Jill Elizabeth Scherger were married on April 12, 2003, at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Shelby. He is employed at Crest Middle School. They reside in Shelby.

Michael Brooks Derrick '99 B.S. married Ashley Anne Simons in August of 2003. He is a research assistant at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and she is a high school teacher. The couple has established a home on James Island.

Jeremy Fern '99 B.S. and **Ginger Lee Jones '02** married May 24, 2003, at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby. He works in the admissions office at Gardner-Webb, and she works at Miller Sherrill Blake CPA Firm in Shelby, N.C. They live in Boiling Springs.

Chris Green '99 B.A. is working with several musical ensembles. He is a co-founder and composer in residence for the Richmond Men's Chorus. He also founded Powerhouse Entertainment Productions and is a co-founder of the Carolina Gold Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. He lives in Richmond, V.A. psiguy@mindspring.com

Todd Hallman '99 B.A. recently earned his master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He also holds a master of theological studies degree from Duke University. He currently serves as the minister of education and music at First Baptist Church in Luling, L.A.

Matthew Michael Hamrick '99 B.A. and **Jennifer Hyatt Hamrick '00 B.S.** announce the birth of their second son, Carson Matthew, on February 17, 2003. Carson's older brother, Hayden recently turned two. He serves as minister to students at Floyd's Creek Baptist Church and is enrolled in the Gardner-Webb Divinity School. The Hamrick's are expecting their third child in March. mattmhamrick@aol.com

Robert Ray Hefner '99 B.A. and Laura Elizabeth Houser were married on May 17, 2003, at Pleasant Baptist Church. She is employed by Cliffside Elementary School. He is currently a student at Gardner-Webb School of Divinity and serves as youth minister at Race Path Baptist. The couple resides in Forest City.

Jonathan Brad Huss '99 M.A. works as assistant recruiter for the Graduate School of Business at Gardner-Webb. GardnerWebb@aol.com

Marc Todd Lewis '99 B.S. is employed by Randolph County Government as a social worker. He graduated from North Carolina A & T, and the University of Greensboro with honors in May 2003, with a joint masters in social work programs. He is provisionally licensed as a clinical social worker.

Yen-Kwang Lin '99 and wife **Amy Lin '02 B.S.** live in Durham with their son, Alexander Thomas, born October 2002. Lin is an IBM Software Engineer.

Shawn Montgomery '99 B.A. and Chenoa Miller Montgomery were married on June 14, 2003. He is a teacher at Carroll County High School. The couple resides in Fancy Gap, V.A. scmontgomery@psknet.com

Lynna Kay Moore Parker '99 B.S. and Joe Parker welcomed the newest edition to their family April 24, 2003. Kylar Thomas Parker joins big brother Logan Joseph Parker. They reside in Fernandina Beach, F.L. He works as a corrections officer in Jacksonville. They

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Roger G. DeCato '01 B.S. has accepted a position at People's Bancorp as a business development officer. He and his wife, Leona, reside in Hickory.

Joshua Britt Fowler '01 B.S. and Stacy Marie Pettit '02 B.S. were married on August 23, 2003. He teaches science in the Burke County School System. She works as a service representative for SpectraBrace. The couple resides in Hickory.

Melissa Mae Good '01 B.A. and Mitchell Brandon Aldridge were married on March 8, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Marion. She is employed as a social worker. He is working on an industrial engineering degree. The couple resides in Marion.

Haley Tycer Julian '01 B.A. see James Julian '98

Robert Lewis Keels '01 B.S. and Tara Dawn Currin were married on May 31, 2003, at Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston. He is a medical student at the University of South Carolina. She works as the financial director for Insignia Financial Services. They resides in Charleston.

Jill Lafferty '01 B.S.,'03 M.A. see Travis Ashe '00.

Beth Louise Mooney '01 B.S. and Jonathan Richard Herrin were married on November 8, 2003, in Dunkirk, M.D. She is working as an elementary school teacher. He is an athletic director at the College of Southern Maryland. They reside in North Beach, M.D. blm1030@hotmail.com

Robert D. Paysour '01 B.S. see Cheri Paysour '94.

Dwight Shook '01 B.S. was appointed to the Alexander County Board of Health on July 14, 2003. He is enrolled in the IMBA program at GWU and has helped start a food bank for needy families in his church.

Terre Veeck '01 B.A. see Tim Veeck '99.

Lisa Wallace '01 B.S. and her husband, Ryan, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Avrey Nicole, on March 20, 2003. Budro1223@aol.com

Jessica Marie Bell '02 A.A. and Shawn Michael Hubers were married June 28, 2003, at Long Acre Chapel Christian Church. She is employed as a registered nurse with Gaston Memorial Hospital. He teaches health and physical education at North Gaston High. The couple resides in Gastonia.

Anna Marie Bobo '02 A.A. and Jeremy Wes Christie were married on May 10, 2003, at Lake Bowen Baptist Church. She is a registered nurse at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He is studying at Clemson University. They reside in Inman, S.C.

Laura Beth Boggs '02 B.S. and Stephen Everette Tharrington were married on May 10, 2003, at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby. She is employed by WJ Turpish and Company. He is employed by First National Bank. They reside in Shelby.

Andrew Morrow Caldwell '02 B.S. married Reisha Marie Tounzen June 14, 2003 at the Pole Creek Baptist Church in Asheville. The couple now resides in Johnson City, T.N.

David Carey Caldwell III '02 B.A. and Amanda Nichole Bullock were married on March 8, 2003, at First Wesleyan Church. David is currently a student at Southeastern Theological Seminary. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Walter Boyce Covington '02 B.S. and Lanna Nicole Tyson were married on June 28, 2003, at Shiloh Baptist Church. He is employed by the Golf Center in Monroe. The couple resides in Monroe.

Kina Gilley Crumpton '02 B.S. and husband, Robert, welcome the latest addition to their family, Hallie Zara Crumpton, born in July 2003. She joins sister Rachel who is 10 years old. robbiekina@cs.com

Bethaney Anne Dexter '02 B.A. and Michael Thomas Shade '03 B.A. were married on May 31, 2003, at Westover Church in Greensboro. After a celebration in Hilton Head, the couple resides in Kernersville.

Juatina Dunham '02 B.S. has accepted a position as the family and consumer science agent for the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service in Hoke County. She will provide educational programs in parenting, family resource management, and human development.

Melony Cheri Gantt '02 and Brent Everett Hipp were married September 20, 2003, at Mt. Rohm Baptist Church. She serves as the program coordinator for the Lincoln County Family YMCA. He works as a state trooper. The couple resides in Lincolnton.

Susan Amanda Hageman '02 A.A. and Robert John Brown were married May 17, 2003, at the Westin Resort. She is employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph-Candler Health System. He is pursuing a master's degree at Armstrong Atlantic University. The couple resides in Bluffton, S.C.

Pam Hayes '02 A.A. is now the wife of Joseph Norris Seagle . She is employed by Jones Family Practice of Shelby. He works for Fox Distributing Co. Inc. The couple lives in Polkville.

Rev. Phillip Scott Henson '02 B.A. is serving as pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. He resides in Boiling Springs.

Brooke Leigh Higgins '02 B.S. and Ricky Adams Harris were married on March 29, 2003, at Sandy Mush Baptist Church. She teaches second grade at Elizabeth Elementary. He is stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro. They will live in Cambridge, England.

Edward Pearson Jackson '02 B.S. and Amber Paige McGinnis were married on May 17, 2003, at Wrightsville Beach. She is currently a student at Gardner-Webb. He is the director of golf at Hollinger Golf Course in Timmins, Ontario. The couple resides in Timmins, Ontario.

Ginger Lee Jones '02 see Jeremy Fern '99.

Laura Beth Knox '02 B.S.N. was married on December 20, 2003, at the First Pentecostal Church in Greenville. She and her husband reside in Fayetteville. lbknox80@aol.com

Cheryl O'Ryan McDonald '02 and **Michael David Jones '00** married in July 2003 at Sharon United Methodist Church in Shelby. She is a graduate assistant at Appalachian State where she attends grad school, and he is a teacher and coach at North Wilkes High School. The couple lives in Deep Gap.

Ashley Elizabeth McGinnis '02 A.A. and David Benjamin Farmer were married on August 9, 2003, at the Presbyterian Church of Lowell. The couple resides in Cary.

Robert Simonton Morgan, Jr. '02 B.S. is currently working as a funeral director and embalmer for McEwen Funeral Service.

Elishia Gail Oliver '02 and Chad Farrior Wilson were married on August 2nd at Chapel Grove Baptist Church. She works for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and is pursuing a master's degree at GWU. He is employed by Mecklenburg County. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Stacy Marie Pettit '02 B.S. see Joshua Fowler '01.

Andy Polk '02 B.A. was recently promoted to communications director for Rep. Sue Myrick. He has worked for the congresswoman since December 2002, as a staff assistant.

Jennifer Lynn Sigmon '02 B.S. married Mr. Jonathan Brandon Parker in July 2003. She is currently employed by the law firm of Browne, Flebotte, Wilson & Horn, PPLC of Charlotte.

Judy Strickland '02 recently started a new career as a career education teacher to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. She also teaches salesmanship at Northeastern Technical College and is pursuing a masters in education.

Rich Williams '02 B.S. has coached football at Shelby High School while working in management for the Wal-Mart Distribution Center of Shelby. He joined the Kings Mountain High School football coaching staff. A former All-American football player at GWU, he made national news when he declined to enter the NFL draft after being projected as a high-round pick.

Abigail Leigh Wolford '02 B.A. is enrolled in the M.F.A. program in creative writing at Boise State University. She has also received a graduate assistanceship at the school. She lives in Newark, O.H. abbywolford@yahoo.com

Beth Ellen Worrell '02 B.S. and Benny G. Bowman were married May 3, 2003, at Flat Rock Baptist Church. The couple celebrated in Cancun. They reside in Mount Airy.
Amanda Carol Yarbrough '02 B.A. and Lynn Edward McDaniel III were married on April 18, 2003, at Columbus Baptist Church in Columbus. They reside in Mooresboro.

Victor David Avery '03 B.S. and Abby Nicole Dellinger were married on September 6, 2003, at Hull's Grove Baptist Church. He is a teacher at West Lincoln High School. She is a registered nurse at Lincoln Medical Center. The couple resides in Vale, N.C.

Ashley Brooke Hager '03 B.A. married Dany Franklin Morgan in September 2003, at the Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville. They now reside in Shelby.

Leigh Renee Harris '03 B.A. lives in Rutherfordton and works as a photography technician for Wal-Mart.

Christal Dawn Hartness '03 B.S.N. and William Patric Patterson were married on October 4, 2003, at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. The couple resides in Statesville.

Susan Leigh Huggins '03 and Phillip Thomas were married on September 27, 2003 at Dallas Baptist Church. She is employed by the Gaston County Sheriff's Office. He is a captain for U.S. Airways. The couple resides in Lake Wylie.

Teyanna Dawn Joyce '03 B.S.N. recently married Charles Curtis Dillingham in June 2003, at the Moon's Chapel Baptist Church. She is employed with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center as a registered nurse. The couple lives in Gaffney, S.C.

Angela Murtiff '03 B.A. and Caleb Wyatt were married on June 7, 2003. She is employed by "The Daily Courier" in Forest City. He is finishing his degree at Gardner-Webb and works at Providence Baptist Church. The couple resides in Boiling Springs.

Cristina Marie Longo '03 B.S. and **Ronald Wesley Barfield '03 B.S.** were married on July 26, 2003, at Calvary Baptist Church. He is employed as a research technician by Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and she is planning to attend John Hopkins University School of Nursing. The couple resides in Perry Hills, M.D.

Charles Joshua Parrott '03 B.A. and **Brantley Paschal '03 B.S.** were married on May 24, 2003, at Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia. He is attending Southeastern Baptist Seminary. They reside in Wake Forest.

Rebecca Jeanette Rogers '03 B.S. is now engaged and is to be married November 27, 2004, to Kenneth Payton. Rebecca works as a paralegal for The McIntosh Law Firm and fiancé Kenneth is a mechanic for Dale Earnhart Inc.

Ricardo Romero '03 B.S. was recently sworn in as a trustee of Montgomery Community College. He will stay in the position until June 2004. He is employed by First National Bank.

Kevan Randall Sawyer '03 B.S. works as a police detective for the Winston-Salem Police Department. ksawyer@wspd.org

Shannon Marie Sheppard '03 B.S. is working as a legal assistant at Arthur M. Blue Law Office. She resides in Vass, N.C. shanshep@hotmail.com

Marie B. Starnes '03 B.S. recently joined the firm of Moyer, Smith, and Roller, PA as a staff accountant. She is working on completion of the CPA examination and works in the firm's accounting and tax practice.

Donna Christine Vidal '03 B.S. is now Mrs. Casey Dell Flippen as of September 2003. The couple wed at Temple Baptist Church.

Honorary Degrees

Rev. Dr. Curtis Lee Barbery (Honorary Doctorate of Divinity) retired in March 2003, after serving forty years as pastor of Beulah Baptist Church. He has been an active participant with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention serving as president of the Pastor's Conference, a member of the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Budget and Evangelism Committees. He and his wife, Ollie Mae, have five children and eleven grandchildren.

have been married three years.

Todd Pennell '99 B.S.N. has joined the practice of Caldwell Family Physicians and Urgent Care in Lenoir. He serves as a nurse practitioner. He completed his master of science in nursing in 2001. He lives in Lenoir with his wife and two children.

David Allen Pless, Jr. '99 B.S. and Crystal Ann Wesson were married on May 4, 2003, at Wagstop Plantation in Pacolet, S.C. He is employed by Reid Lindsey Insurance Agency. She works as an occupational therapist. The couple resides in Shelby.

Tim Veeck '99 B.S. and Terre Veeck '01 B.A. have taken positions at the Portland United Methodist Center in Louisville, K.Y. He is serving as director of Youth Development. She is a resource associate. The Portland Center is commited to cultivating spiritual, leadership and community development within the Portland neighborhood. The couple had worked together at Habitat in San Francisco previously, and are grateful to work together again.

Matthew Weathers '99 B.A. and **Corie (Lewis) Weathers '99 B.S.** She graduated from Asbury Seminary with an M.A. in counseling and works as head therapist for Chrysalis House Relapse Prevention Program. He is currently working on his M. Div. and M.A. in counseling and was accepted into the chaplain candidacy program for the U.S. Army. tagtobee@yahoo.com

Solomon Willis '99 B.S. is currently serving as the chair of the mathematics department at Gaston Day School. He is also working on his master's degree at Appalachian State as well as serving as an instructor for Texas Instrument. owepar@yahoo.com

Travis Earl Wright '99 B.S. married Stephanie Marie Howell in March 2003. Wright is employed by First Baptist Church in Dandridge, Tennessee. The couple lives in Jefferson City.

Travis Ashe '00 B.S., '02 M.B.A. and **Jill Lafferty '01 B.S.,'03 M.A.** were married June 2003, in the Dover Chapel at Gardner-Webb University. The couple resides in Shelby.

Tracy Dawn Costner '00 B.S.N. is now Mrs. James Lowie. She and husband James married August 30, 2003. The couple resides in Belton, S.C., where she works as an intensive care nurse for the Anderson Area Medical Center. He is an employee of Timken Corp in Belton and a member of Friendship Fire Department.

Andrew Emerson Craig '00 B.S.N. was commissioned as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Nurse Corps of the United States Naval Reserve in March 2003. He is currently assigned as a nurse practitioner providing medical care to U.S. Marines.

Chad Nelson Denton '00 B.S. married Summer Leigh Hager in July 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia. The couple resides in Gastonia.

Mandy Janel Dickerson '00 B.S. is a second year graduate student at High Point University where she is pursuing a master's of public administration of the non-profit sector. She was recently elected secretary to the Board of Directors for the Non-profit Organization Graduate Student Association.

John Michael Durham '00 and Kelly Matthai Durham '00 announce the birth of their first child, Brayden Michael, on November 5, 2003. kel03bel@hotmail.com

Bryant Delennis Foster '00 B.S. and Nicole Gibson were married on June 7, 2003, at Bunton Institutional CME Church. He is a varsity football coach at Greer High School, and she recently received her radiology certificate from the University of South Carolina. The couple resides in Inman, S.C.

Jennifer Hyatt Hamrick '00 B.S. see Matthew Hamrick '99.

Michael David Jones '00 see Cheryl McDonald '02.

Marydean Jones '00 B.A. is teaching English at the Baptist Student Center in Bangkok. Thailand. She has extended her term with the Journeyman program for another year. maryj@loxinfo.co.th

Tonya Erica Kampes '00 B.S. started working full time for Timonium Presbyterian Church in Maryland as the director of youth ministries. onka45@hotmail.com

Stephen Lambert '00 B.S. was promoted to housing services manager for Cobb Family Resources. He also is serving as the music minister and associate pastor for Welcome All Baptist Church in Marietta, G.A.

Ashley Leitherer '00 B.A. received her insurance adjusters license in May of 2003. She now works with Nationwide Insurance as a non-injury liability claims representative. jaleitherer@comcast.net

Sarah Koelner Maneresi '00 B.A. and Loris Manersi were married on August 4, 2002. She currently serves as the web producer for Coral Ridge Ministries Media and does instant replay for the Columbus Blue Jackets hockey team. He works as an electrical engineer for the Air Force. They reside in Kettering, O.H.

Kelly Owen '00 B.S. has been named teacher of the year at Elizabeth Elementary in Shelby. She is also a recent graduate of the Principal's Executive Program and is working on her master's in school administration.

Linda Jean Sain '00 B.S. and Greg Woodby were married on October 25, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vale, N.C. She is a physical therapist for Wilmington Physical Therapy, Inc. He is employed by Visionair Software. The couple resides in Wilmington. ljsain@yahoo.com

Katie Aldridge '01 B.S. and Cayle Aldridge were married on October 26, 2002, at Deep Creek Baptist Church. She serves as a child and family case manager for Smoky Mountain Mental Health Center. He is employed by Headwaters Golf Club as a golf course superintendent. They live in Bryson City. Katie@smokymountaincenter.com

Melissa Black '01 B.S.N. received her masters in family nurse practitioner in May 2003. She works part time as a nursing instructor at both Clemson University and Greenville Technical College.

Travis Daniel Conn '01 B.S. is a sales representative with Jostens Campus Supplies. He recently moved from Wilmington to Spartanburg and is helping Coach Steve Patton with the new football lettermen's club. travis.conn@Jostens.com

John Yarbro '88 M.A. was recently named Wachovia Principal of the Year for the Kings Mountain school district. John has served in the educational field for 23 years. He taught at Crest Middle and High Schools before accepting his current position at his alma mater. He has a wife and two children.

Tim Quattlebaum '90 M.A. see '83 undergraduate.

Melissa Laws '91 M.A. has been named Teacher of the Year at Piney Grove Elementary. She teaches third grade and recently completed requirements for the national board certification. She serves on the school's assistance team and is chairperson for the school improvement team.

Caryl Austell '91 M.A. has been named the Lincoln County School's Counselor of the Year. She has been active in education for 22 years in the Lincoln County System with 13 years experience as a counselor and 9 years as a middle school teacher.

Deidre "Didi" Camper '95 M.B.A. and Shawn Ledbetter were married on May 31, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Rutherfordton. She works at Gardner-Webb as the director of academic technology. He serves as a firefighter for the city of Shelby. The couple resides in Forest City. dcamper@gardner-webb.edu

Janet Bridges Anthony '97 M.A. has accepted a position as principal at Grover Elementary after serving as the school's assistant principal. She has over 20 years of experience in education, including teaching 14 years in Henry County, V.A.

Laura B. "Becky" Hodges '97 M.A. has accepted a position as principal of Hill Middle School. She has served with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for 14 years. During her service as assistant principal at Hill Middle, she played an integral role in developing the school into a system wide arts magnet school.

James Edward Powell '97 M.A. and Amy Monteith Huntley were married on April 12, 2003, at Haynes Memorial Baptist Church in Henrietta. He is employed by Pathways. She is employed by the Daily Courier. They reside in Mooresboro.

Scott Harris Carpenter '98 M.A. and Diana Lynn Healy were married April 12, 2003, at Pisgah United Methodist Church. Both are employed as school principals with the Lincoln County School System. The couple resides in Lincolnton.

Daind Elmore Canipe '99 M.A. was named principal of Love Memorial Elementary School on July 1, 2003.

Timothy Davis '99 M.A. has accepted a position as principal of R-S Central High School where he previously served as assistant principal. He has served in the educational field for nineteen years. He is married and has three children.

Kimry Elizabeth Lackey '99 M.B.A. and Franklin Paul Miller were married on September 13, 2003, at Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church. The couple is employed by Ray Enterprises; she serves as a personnel manager and he serves as the general manager. The couple resides in Stony Point.

Jill Lineberger '99 M.A. has been named core services director for Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare. She began her career at Cleveland Center and Pathways. She has also served as the program director for the developmental disabilities/mental illness program.

Kurt O. Wassen, Jr. '99 M.B.A. see Lisa Wassen '83 undergraduate.

James "Jim" Doll, Jr. '00 M.A. has been appointed principal of Tabor City Middle School. Previously, he served as a senior military instructor at Fort Bragg. After twenty years in the military, he started teaching JROTC at Kingstree High School. For the past four years, he has served as assistant principal at South Davidson School.

Christopher S. Jeffords '00 M.B.A. has taken a position as assistant vice president for LSB at its office in Winston-Salem. He will be responsible for originating mortages for the bank.

Becky P. Sain '00 M.A. was named dean of arts, sciences and public services for Cleveland Community College. She has taught business at the college since 1990, and most recently served as the program coordinator for marketing and retailing. She is active at the First Wesleyan Church in Cherryville, where she resides with her husband, Ted, and her sons, Trey and Philip.

William H. Stacy '00 M.B.A. has been elected president of TSE Service headquartered in Raleigh. He also serves as the chief executive officer of Tideland Electric Membership Cooperation, which is a not-for-profit service provider.

Melissa Ann Webster '00 M.A. married Jonathan Harold Turner in June 2003.

LeeAnn Wilcox '00 M.A. and David Thompson were married in May of 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington. She is a licensed professional counselor. He serves as vice president of commercial banking.

Roxanne Bridges '01 M.A. is serving as assistant principal at Kings Mountain Intermediate School. She assumes this position after teaching music for six years at Grover and Bethware Elementary schools.

Jason Alan Hargett '01 M.B.A. and wife, Kelly, recently purchased their first home on Forest Lake in Forest City. He was recently promoted to area manager for Wal-Mart Distribution. She is a UNC-Charlotte graduate.

Wayne Shepherd '01 M.A. has been named principal of West Wilkes High School. He has coached varsity sports since 1990. He has also served as the director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for both Davidson and Wilkes counties.

Monica Shepherd-Faw '01 M.A. was recently named assistant principal of Bethlehem Elementary School. Previously, she served as a recruitment specialist in the Teacher On Loan Program in collaboration with the Southwest Education Alliance at UNC-Charlotte.

Travis Ashe '02 M.B.A. and Jill Lafferty '03 M.A. see Ashe '00 undergraduate.

Jada Hardin '02 M.A. recently began her new position as assistant principal at Bethware Elementary. She taught third grade for 12 years at Grover Elementary.

Denise Q. Patterson '02 M.A. recently accepted the position as the principal of North Brook Elementary.

Gary Statler '02 M.A. has accepted a position as assistant principal at Kings Mountain Intermediate School. He previously taught fourth and fifth grades at Bethware Elementary.

Stephen Fisher '03 M.A. has been promoted to assistant principal at Kings Mountain Middle School. He previously taught algebra and geometry at Kings Mountain High School.

Marty Hemric '03 M.A. has accepted a position as principal at Mount Pleasant Elementary School in Wilkes County. He previously served as assistant principal at Elkin High School and as a high school science teacher. He resides in Elkin with his wife and daughter.

Susan Harbison Kuenzli '03 M.S.N. lives in Boiling Springs with husband Kenneth Kuenzli, II. She is a nurse manager for Spartanburg Regional.

Kerri Ann Murdock '03 M.A. and Kevin Alan Lane were married on July 26, 2003, at Holy Trinity Church in Troutman, N.C. She is a first grade teacher at Mt. Mourne Elementary, and he is the president of D.G. Services Inc./Playground Equipment. The couple resides in Mooresville.

Deaths

M.L. 'Gabe' Austell '49 A.A died at his home on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. Austell served in the United States Navy during World War II and was a member of the Order of Free Masonry for 54 years. He attended First Baptist Church of Winston Salem, N.C., where he served as a deacon. He was a member of the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Williams Austell, and their four sons.

Plato Durham "Bud" Biddix '51 A.A. died August 14, 2003. He served as an air raid warden during World War II and was a long-time member of the Cleveland County Volunteer Sheriff's Department. He acted as Scout Master of both the Dover and Shelby troops and took them to the first National Jamboree in 1937. He was an active member of Dover Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife.

Robert Lewis Brown, Sr. '98 B.S. died May 7, 2003, at the V.A. Medical Center in Durham, N.C. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his mother, three children, two grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

Former President Eugene Poston Passes Away At 85

Dr. Eugene Poston, former president of Gardner-Webb, died on July 28, 2003, at the age of 85. He served as president from 1961-1976. Upon becoming president, he declared the next decade a "Decade of Advance." Under his leadership enrollment doubled, several major capital improvements were completed, several buildings were renovated, the size of the campus doubled, the nursing program began, and the Board of Advisors and Ministerial Board of Associates were organized. In 1994, he was named President Emeritus for his accomplishments at the University. He is survived by his wife, five children and seven grandchildren.

Henry Jackson Freeman '72 B.S. died September 4, 2003, at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital.

Peggy Kathleen Throneburg George '80 B.S. died July 13, 2003. She was a 30-year employee of Catawba County and held the position of business manager for 22 years. She received the Catawba County Length of Service Award in 2003. She is survived by her mother and brother.

James D. Harrill '89 B.S. died on June 2, 2003. He was a veteran of the Navy and co-owner of Changez, Home of Flag City and Get Down Doug's Beach Music and Memorabilia. He attended the Church of the Lost and Found of North Myrtle Beach. He is survived by a son, two brothers, a sister and his fiancée.

James L. Jay Jenkins, Jr. '38 died Thursday, October 30, 2003. He was a member of the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates at GWU. He retired as the senior assistant to the president of the University of North Carolina system and was a member of the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame. He was active in community service as a supporter of the Civil Rights Movement. He was a member of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church and is survived by his wife, son and three sisters.

Charles Jolley, a retired employee of Gardner-Webb, died September 3, 2003. He served in the army during World War II and was a member of Mundy's Chapel United Methodist Church. He is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Billy Jack Martin '81 B.A. died in May of 2003. He was married for eighteen years to Suzzie Mae Martin '80 B.S. suzzie@sseaco.com

Rebecca A. McLaughlin '85 B.S. died August 21, 2003, at the age of 38. She was married to Terry Shaw, whom she is survived by as well as her two sons, Cliff and Matt Shaw.

Billy Miller '60 A.A. died in his home on April 1, 2003. He was serving as chaplain of Pharr Yarns and served as the mayor of McAdenville between 1991 and 1995. He is described as a man who "worshiped God, loved his family, and served his fellow man." He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Margie Philbeck, retired food service employee at Gardner-Webb, died May 22, 2003. She was a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband and children.

Joseph Eugene Powell '72 B.S. died March 24, 2003. He served as president of Waubun Laboratories and as a commercial airline pilot. He also spent his time in the horse ranching and breeding business. He is survived by his daughter, mother and several siblings.

Betty Roberts M.A. recently died at the age of 75. She spent her career as a teacher and librarian. For over three decades, she wrote, planned and directed musicals for school children across Cleveland County. She was assisting with the musical for Jefferson Elementary in Shelby.

Rebecca Ann (Becky) McLaughlin Shaw '85 A.A. died in 2002. She is survived by her husband, two sons, her parents and two sisters.

Dr. Charles W. Stafford '50 died April 7, 2003, in his home after a short illness. He was a retired baptist minister and an interim pastor for several churches. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps having served during World War II. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sisters.

Christine Walker, a retired employee of Gardner-Webb, died June 5, 2003. She was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church and is survived by her daughter, six sons and 12 grandchildren.

Alumni Gatherings

You are invited to join in an Alumni Gathering on Saturday, February 28, 2003, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Jillian's at Concord Mills Concord, NC
Appetizers and bottomless sodas, tea and coffee provided.

Come chase away the winter time blues with some Gardner-Webb fun, fellowship and food. Confirm your reservation with Alumni Relations at 704-406-3862 or alumni@gardner-webb.edu.

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Classes of '54 & '55

You are invited to return to campus for your 50th year reunion, April 16 and 17, 2004.

For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 704-406-3862 or e-mail alumni@gardner-webb.edu

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Classes of '53 and Prior Mark Your Calendards

You are invited to the Half-Century Luncheon on April 17, 2004.
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Homecoming 2004 will be celebrated October 29th & 30th!

Bridging the Gap Between Students and Alumni

Written by photojournalism student Lee Adams

A simple phone call can bridge the gap between alumni and students, between need and a diploma.

Twice per year director of annual giving, Cassie Bridgeman, begins Gardner-Webb University's Phone-a-thon in an effort to raise money for the Gardner-Webb Fund (GWF). The GWF supports student scholarships, with every dollar being raised going directly toward student's financial needs.

Ninety percent of students at Gardner-Webb receive some type of financial aid, so Bridgeman uses students to do the fundraising. "Most of our student callers receive financial aid, so it is quite meaningful for them to see where their scholarship money comes from," says Bridgeman. All funds raised through phone-a-thon are unrestricted dollars, meaning that they are eligible to go toward a Gardner-Webb student who may have a need, not just ones meeting certain criteria.

About 40 students are hired per year to make phone calls to GWU alumni and friends in an effort to raise money. Not only do the student callers learn where their support is coming from, but they are paid minimum wage for their time worked and given all the candy and softdrinks they can handle.

Bridgeman wants prospective givers to know that the road goes both ways. Not only are students asking for gifts, but alumni and friends can get information they may find useful as well. Often during a call Bridgeman will end up gathering information for an alumnus or prospective student. "On several occasions I've e-mailed someone because their grandson wanted an admissions packet." And that is what sets phone-a-thoners apart from typical telemarketers.

Monogram Day

Alumni who have participated in athletics at Gardner-Webb were invited back to campus for Monogram Day in October of 2003. This was the first of what is to be an annual event. If you participated in athletics while at Gardner-Webb, and would like to be included in next year's mailing list, please call 704-406-3327 or e-mail klukridge@gardner-webb.edu.

School of Divinity Alumni Association Established

Late professor Dr. Donald E. Cook honored

Mrs. Kaye A. Cook

A gathering of School of Divinity graduates in October brought alumni from the earliest group of graduates from the program in 1996 to the most recent 2003 graduates back to the Boiling Springs campus.

Also attending were former and current School of Divinity faculty. Alumnus Lin Carter '99 emceed the gathering,

Dr. Sheri Adams gave an update on what has progressed, changed and been added in the life of the School of Divinity. Bruce Rabon, associate vice president for development, then led the group in a dialogue about forming a School of Divinity Alumni Association.

All in attendance were in favor of making the gathering a continuing tradition, "I felt like I was at a school reunion. I can't wait until our next gathering," said Carter.

A special time of remembrance was given for former Distinguished Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Dr. Donald E. Cook, who passed away in the fall of 2001. Mrs. Kaye Cook was given a plaque in appreciation for the dedicated years of service Dr. Cook gave the School of Divinity in its formative years. The newly formed School of Divinity Alumni Association pledged to support the Donald E. and Kaye A. Cook Christian Service Organization Scholarship.

"The formation of the Alumni Association is yet another milestone in the growth and development of the School of Divinity," said Carter. "Everyone I spoke with was thrilled to be able to give something back to this institution that means so much to so many people."

The evening ended with the former dean of the School of Divinity, Dr. Robert Lamb, leading the group in a hymn written by Dr. Cook, entitled "A Prayer." For more information about the School of Divinity Alumni Association, you may contact alumni@gardner-webb.edu or 704-406-3862.

GOAL Students Connect with Main Campus

Approximately 200 GOAL students, friends and family members gathered at the main campus in Boiling Springs in October.

"GOAL Day" brings students who attend the 16 GOAL sites to campus to connect with the main campus and with one another.

The day of fellowship, information and football, began with lunch in the cafeteria. A reception helped GOAL students connect with the departments they generally speak with, but do not get to visit. The Office of Alumni Relations, the Graduate School/Graduate School of Business, library services, the NOEL program and others set up booths. The campus shop provided door prizes.

"MS. GARDNER-WEBB"

Meet Minna Rice. She was full of life, energy, kindness and service to others. And she was also affectionately known as "Ms. Gardner-Webb."

That title fit her perfectly, considering the GWU memorabilia displayed all throughout her home and of course the way she always talked about her experiences at Gardner-Webb. Her niece Eleanor Porter remembers how her aunt always loved to share stories about GWU with others.

"She loved the school so much because GWU paid attention to her. She always told everyone about the school and she kept every item she ever got from there and displayed it proudly."

Many people remember Ms. Rice as kind and caring, outgoing and talkative.

And she never stopped talking about Gardner-Webb. "She was so appreciative of her education at Gardner-Webb and she remembered the school so fondly because of the way everyone at GWU was so kind," Ms. Porter remembers. "She was so grateful for her experience that she chose to share her love of education as a teacher."

Ms. Rice's life was about learning, growing and serving those around her. Before she died, it was her heart's desire to give back to the school that had given so much to her. Those desires blended perfectly in her estate plans to create a scholarship called the Minna Lee Boling Rice Endowed Scholarship.

Students here at Gardner-Webb have the opportunity to receive an education because of the kindness of Minna Rice. They can study and learn, be proud of the school they go to, and hopefully one day give back to Gardner-Webb so other students can learn and grow and give to others. So the cycle continues. And this time, it all started with "Ms. Gardner-Webb."

Gardner-Webb is grateful to all of its supporters. Ms. Rice is just one among many who has made a difference through planned giving. If you are interested in how you can invest in the lives of GWU students through a current gift, capital gift or endowment, contact David Boan in the Office of Gift Planning at 704-406-3251.

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